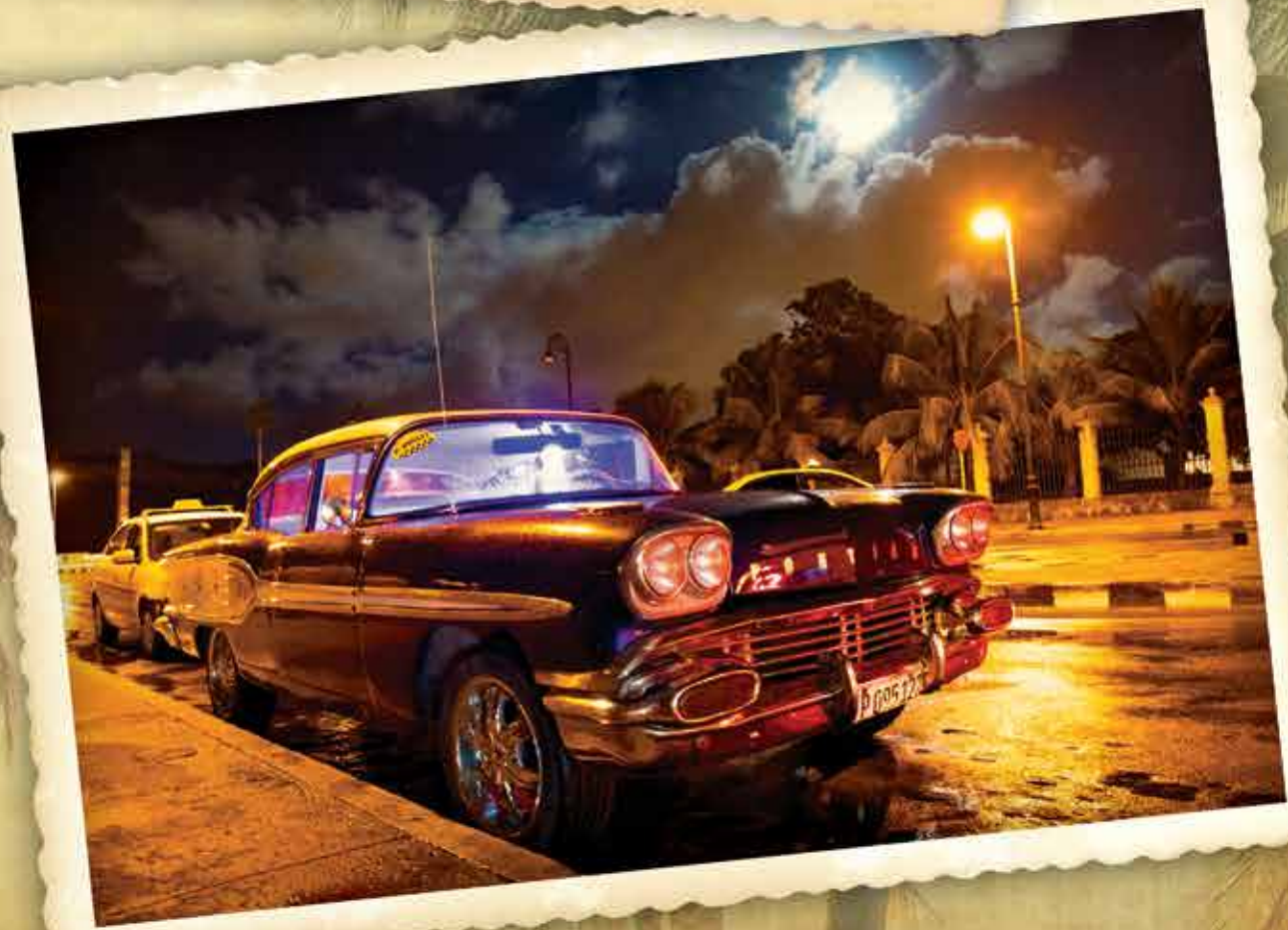


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WHAT'S GOING ON

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

This Christmas give the gift of a pilgrimage. On Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, as part of the University's 175th anniversary celebration, the community will celebrate the completion of the Notre Dame Trail by



walking the final eight miles of a pilgrimage for Our

Lady. For \$25, register yourself, a friend or family member to trace the final steps of our founder Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., and seven Holy Cross brothers. To register and learn more, visit trail.nd.edu.

PEOPLE

ROCHE BOOK ARGUES FOR INSTITUTIONAL VISION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

"Realizing the Distinctive University: Vision and Values, Strategy and Culture," by **Mark William Roche**, will be released in Feb. 2017 by the Notre Dame Press. The book will be available in hardback, paperback, and numerous digital editions (Kindle, NOOK, Kobo and Apple iBook.)

Roche, former dean of the College of Arts and Letters and the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Professor of German Language and Literature and concurrent professor of theology, argues for the importance of an institutional vision in higher education, not simply a brand.

MORENO RECEIVES SHEEDY AWARD

Marisel Moreno, an associate professor in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, has been selected to receive the 2016 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award.

The highest teaching honor in the College of Arts and Letters, the Sheedy Award was created in 1970 to honor Rev. Charles E. Sheedy, C.S.C., who served as dean of Arts and Letters from 1951 to 1969.

Moreno, whose research and teaching focus on Latino literature and culture, helped launch a community-based learning program in



Roche



Moreno



Smith

her department in 2010. Students in her classes enhance traditional literature study by volunteering at La Casa de Amistad, a local Latino community organization.

SHINDE APPOINTED TO CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Subhash L. Shinde has been appointed associate director of the Center for Sustainable Energy. Shinde will lead ND Energy's initiatives to advance global research development and corporate programs. Shinde brings to ND Energy an extensive background in research and program development, with more than a decade of management and leadership experience at Sandia National Laboratories.

The three-year Templeton Foundation grant allows the Science and Religion Initiative to continue hosting seminars at the University of Notre Dame and other locations. Additionally, the initiative will support the development of online courses for teachers, a second edition of a high school textbook on the subject and a website to share lesson plans and other teaching resources.

Balkh. The venture aims to enhance the skills and employability of technically qualified and professionally capable Afghan women and men in the private and public sectors.

Faculty from Balkh University and from the Stayer Center for Executive Education of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business will work together to develop graduate curriculum and enhance teaching and research skills and capabilities over the next

two years. The Stayer Center will direct the academic side of the project, and the Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development will coordinate the program and oversee all logistics, including use of Notre Dame facilities and staff overseas.

This Notre Dame – Balkh University partnership arises through a \$1.15 million contract provided under the University Support and Workforce Development Program, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by FHI 360 — a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions — and its university partners.

CAMPUS NEWS

GLOBAL RELIGION RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The Global Religion Research Initiative (gri.nd.edu), directed by **Christian Smith**, director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society and William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Sociology, is a newly launched initiative in the center that aims to advance the empirical study of global religion in mainstream academia.

Smith has been awarded \$4.9 million from the Templeton Religion Trust in Nassau, Bahamas, to launch the initiative, which will fund more than 150 research proposals by distributing \$3.1 million to scholars of global religion through three rounds of applications over the next three years.

"The premise of the GRI is that, as religion persists in significance in the contemporary, globalizing world, the social sciences in North America need much better to understand the diversity of religions and to integrate that enhanced understanding into research, theory and teaching," said Smith.

TEMPLETON GRANT WILL TRAIN CATHOLIC EDUCATORS

The McGrath Institute for Church Life has received a \$1.675 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to expand its Science and Religion Initiative — a multifaceted program that trains Catholic educators to raise the quality of high school science and religion education and develop useful learning materials for engaging dialogue between the disciplines. The program seeks to frame science education within the broader context of Catholic theology.



INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Following an acrimonious election season, the University invited the campus community to take part in an interfaith prayer service to pray for peace for the nation, wisdom for leaders and care for the most vulnerable. The service was held outside O'Shaughnessy Hall, at the Ivan Mestrovic sculpture of Christ and the Samaritan woman at the well, and the corresponding Gospel passage was read during the service.

Led by President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., the candlelit service included readings, prayers and songs by a number of interfaith representatives from throughout the University, including a passage from the Quran read by Ebrahim Moosa, professor of Islamic Studies in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, department of history and the Keough School of Global Affairs.

The gift of gratitude during a stressful season

BY REV. JIM BRACKE, C.S.C., STAFF CHAPLAIN

I was recently visiting with some staff at Grace Hall when the topic of the upcoming holidays came up. People love Thanksgiving because it is simple and does not present all the stress of Christmas. I asked how we could reduce stress that is typical this time of year.

One person said that last year was difficult personally with financial and health issues that caused her family to sharply reduce Christmas preparations. Gratitude, she added, was the focus of their gathering and the days leading up to it. They were

grateful that one person had found a job after a long search and that another's cancer was in remission. She noted that this awareness of gratitude brought her peace while she was feeling the pressure to buy gifts, attend another party or make another appetizer.

Naming the stress, fear or anxiety triggered by the season serves as an antidote, according to another person. He stated that the power the season brings from outside factors was lowered when you could name what the stress is.

I would add that last year I used Father Ted Hesburgh's simple prayer when I sensed stress in my own life: "Come, Holy Spirit." It gave me peace and calm in the face of anxiety.

You might also pray over Isaiah 43:4 which reminds us, "You are precious to me, you are mine." Living in the moment is all we have and by prayer I felt more present and less concerned about the future or the past. Let's pray for one another. That is an excellent, precious gift.

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Contact Father Bracke at 631-4131, or bracke.4@nd.edu. Staff and retirees can call on him for counsel, hospital visits or to perform a funeral. But he's not there to proselytize, he emphasizes. "My job is to minister to everyone, regardless of religious affiliation," he says.

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Staffer grateful for Employee Compassion Fund

Helped move a family out of 'constant crisis mode'

BY TIFFANY GRIFFIN, MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

It's that time of year when we give thanks. A time to be grateful for what we have, and to show our appreciation for what has been given to us. That's what one Notre Dame employee is determined to do.

"Because of the generosity of my friends and colleagues on campus, I could maintain our residence and not derail my son's excitement about being a second-grader. I could send him to school in new clothes and shoes that were comfortable and fit," says administrative assistant **Amy M.**, who asked that we not use her full name and department.

Amy received help from the University's Employee Compassion Fund after what she calls, "crisis after crisis." In just over a year, her household budget was first cut in half by divorce. Then her ex-husband lost his job and couldn't make child support payments.

The Employee Compassion Fund is a University emergency assistance program funded entirely by Notre Dame faculty and staff contributions to the annual United Way campaign — five percent of each pledge supports the fund. The program is administered by the Family and Children's Center, and is designed to assist employees who find themselves in temporary financial hardship. The funds are not taxable as income.

Amy was no stranger to financial struggle growing up, and she wanted to prevent her family from experiencing the same thing.

"I grew up in a single-parent, food-insecure household and I really didn't want that for my son. The Employee Compassion Fund let me spare my son from learning about adult problems too soon, and it allowed me to meet my obligations and relieve a bit of the guilt that I know my ex-husband feels over the long wait for disability benefits. It allowed all three of us to downshift out of constant crisis mode."

Amy suggests to anyone struggling financially that they reach out to their Human Resources consultant, 631-9500.

"There is no shame in needing help," she says.

The Compassion Fund is 100 percent funded by faculty and staff donations to the United Way campaign. And because of that, Amy says she will be eternally grateful for the generosity of her fellow co-workers.

"It is so very comforting to know we're cared for and loved as a part of the Notre Dame family," she says.

It's not too late to make a one-time or monthly contribution to the United Way. Visit unitedway.nd.edu.

Tips for Safe Online Holiday Shopping

BY KOLIN HODGSON, OIT

If you do your holiday shopping online, you're not alone. Americans spent a record-breaking \$70 billion shopping online during the 2015 Christmas season. About \$12 billion in purchases were made via smartphone. And no Christmas shopping season is complete without the online version of Black Friday, "Cyber-Monday."

But with hacked systems and identity theft as two major threats, how can you make your online shopping safe this Christmas? Here are some basic guidelines:

1. Buy from stores you trust.

Every holiday season, new online stores seem to pop up selling low-priced or "hard to find" items. Be cautious of these boutique sellers. Look for reviews from their customers before buying. Check Consumer Reports for unbiased opinions. Or just stick with retailers you know.

2. Use credit cards instead of debit cards.

Debit cards are directly associated with your bank account balance. Thieves can literally drain your bank account if your debit card number is stolen, so stick with credit cards. Sign up for Fraud Alerts by visiting your credit card company's website.

If you want more assurance, consider a credit card with fraud protection.

3. Use online payment services.

Services such as PayPal or Google Wallet shield you from transaction fraud. Most of these services will not hold you responsible if your account is used without your knowledge. And since it's the payment service that sends the payment, they can assist you with a fraud appeal if you ever need to make one.

4. Look for "HTTPS" in your browser.

Next time you go to Amazon or YouTube.com, take a look at the address line in your browser. The address for these two websites starts with a tiny picture of a lock and then the letters "HTTPS." The "s" stands for "secure," and the little lock verifies it. Any information you send to a secure site is scrambled using encryption so that even if someone could capture the data it won't be understood. While browsers differ, they all have a way of checking to make sure the site is secure. When shopping online, make sure the website has a secure connection.

5. Keep an eye on your credit card statements and credit report.

Most credit card accounts let you check your statement online using the bank's website. Check your credit report for newly opened accounts attempts to open accounts by visiting annualcreditreport.com.

Though these guidelines cannot guarantee you will never be the victim of identity theft, they can help make online holiday shopping safer for you.

For shopping website reviews, go to consumerreports.org/cro/shopping-websites/buying-guide.htm.



Family Connections

The Fulchers

Nancy Fulcher, formerly assistant director of procurement, recently retired after 25 years at the University. When she applied for her first job, she didn't even have a résumé. "A friend in physics called and said they must need people in purchasing because they're six weeks behind. I called Bob Watkins — he was a little offended that people thought they were behind. But I went in and met him, was hired and started the next day in a temporary, entry-level job. And I worked my way up." Notre Dame is a phenomenal place to work, she adds, "and the people are great. The mission and the people, that's what makes Notre Dame great."

Nancy's son (and oldest child) **Matthew Fulcher '95, MSA '02**, assistant director of facilities and academic space in the College of Arts and Letters, has worked at

Notre Dame for 18 years. His first position was in Student Activities as operations manager of LaFortune. Later he worked for eight years in the Mendoza College of Business as the first operations manager of Giovanini Commons, a creative learning center.

Matthew met his wife **Kathleen Fulcher '99**, when the two were working during Commencement Weekend 2001 — Matthew was working for Student Activities, Kathleen "in pigtails and overalls," was working for catering. "When my parents moved me up here from Cincinnati in 1995, they never got me back," Kathleen says. "Little did they know." Kathleen is program manager for Alliance for Catholic Education teaching fellows. They're parents to two boys and a girl.

Daughter **Rachel Fulcher-Dawson**, the second oldest child (and parent of four daughters), is associate director of the Wilson Sheehan Lab



From left, Kathleen Fulcher, Matthew Fulcher, Nancy Fulcher and Rachel Fulcher-Dawson

for Economic Opportunities in the Department of Economics and holds a concurrent teaching position in Education, Schooling and Society in the Alliance for Catholic Education teaching early childhood policy. She's a graduate of Marquette University in Maryland, and Michigan State.

"I left here thinking I would never come back, but came back 15 years later, and it's been great for me and my family."

Nancy has three other children, Joshua Fulcher '03, '05, Joanna Azar, an Indiana University grad, and Martha Roman '05.

Cover Story

Visiting Cuba again, five years later

Reflecting on — and photographing — change in the island nation

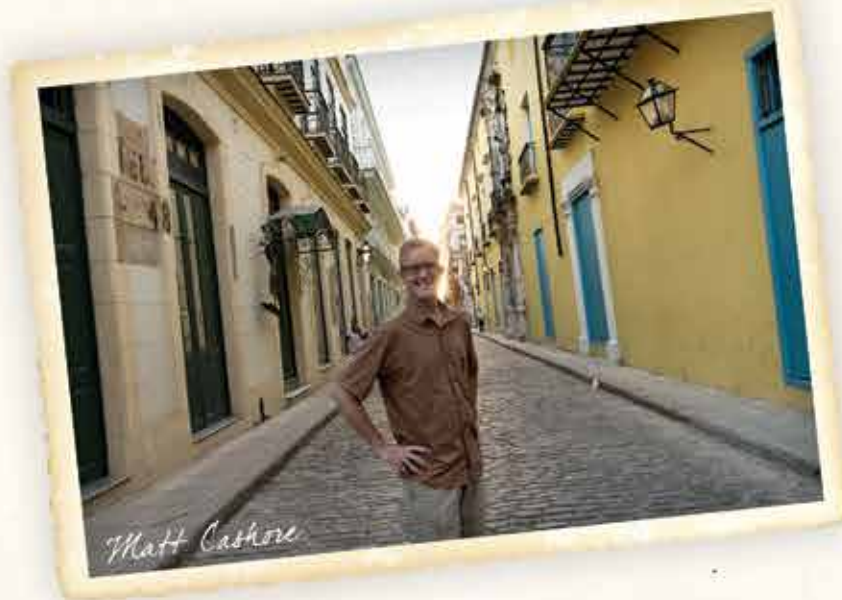
BY MATT CASHORE, SENIOR UNIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHER

In September 2011 I photographed the Notre Dame Magazine story "Rome of the Americas." The magazine's associate editor, John Nagy, and I accompanied a group of graduate students from the School of Architecture as they did research. I was pretty sure it was my once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Cuba.

Surprise!

In October, the Institute for Latino Studies, along with faculty and students from the theology department, gathered in Havana for a colloquium on Pope Francis' theology and his visits to Latin America generally and Cuba specifically. I was invited to tag along and take photos and video for a feature on the University home page.

In the five years between my two visits, U.S.-Cuba relations have moved a bit more toward normalization. I wondered what would be similar and what would be different from 2011 to 2016.



The similarities:

Cuba remains a warm, friendly place with stunning visuals. Everywhere there's color, texture and of course the classic cars.

The differences:

Right away I noticed one big change: They stamped my passport! The next thing I noticed is a little detail that perhaps only I would notice: They changed the license plates on the cars from the U.S.-shaped plates to a more European style. I kind of preferred the old way, but ... progress!

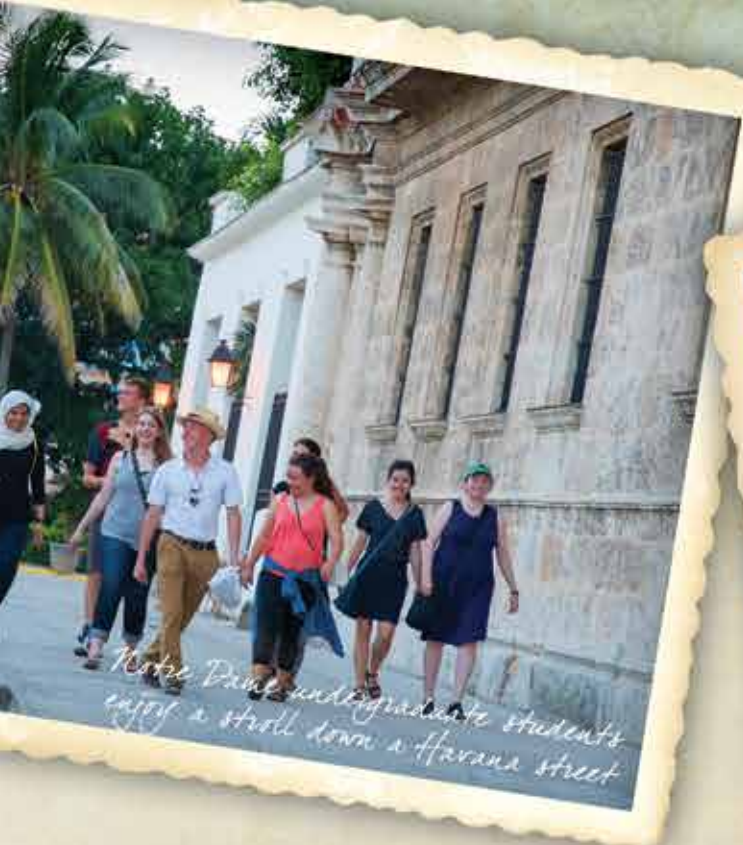
Though the U.S. has re-established a proper embassy in Cuba, the trade embargo remains in place. I noticed several instances of signs and graffiti calling for the end of the embargo, or "bloqueo" in Spanish, which I didn't see in 2011.

But the biggest difference by far was the evidence of modern communications, specifically smartphones. In 2011 I hardly saw a cell phone of any type, but now everyone is heads-down in a screen. Internet access has come to the public, but thus far only in a limited way. Clusters of people sitting on curbs were an unmistakable visual cue that you had come to a Wi-Fi hotspot.

If or how these changes will continue with the election of Donald Trump and the death of Fidel Castro will be interesting to watch. I'm glad to have seen the Havana before and during this transition, and I'll jump at the chance to return in another five years, or even sooner.

Near the end of this most recent trip I saw a street art mural of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara and remembered being in the same spot five years earlier. Che had faded ... literally but also, perhaps, metaphorically.





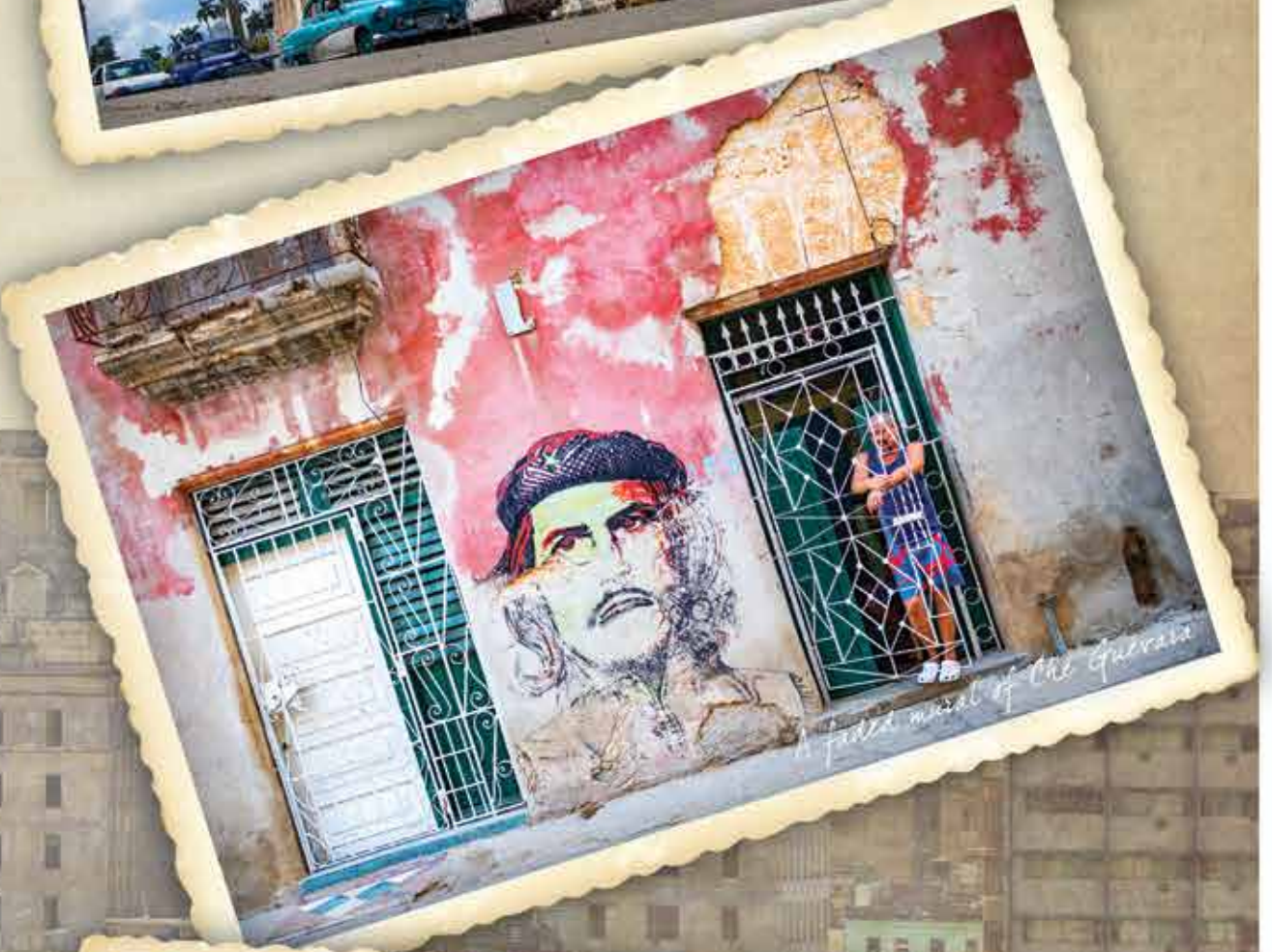
Notre Dame undergraduate students enjoy a stroll down a Havana street



El Capitolio, designed by Notre Dame architecture grad Eugenio Rayneri Piedra



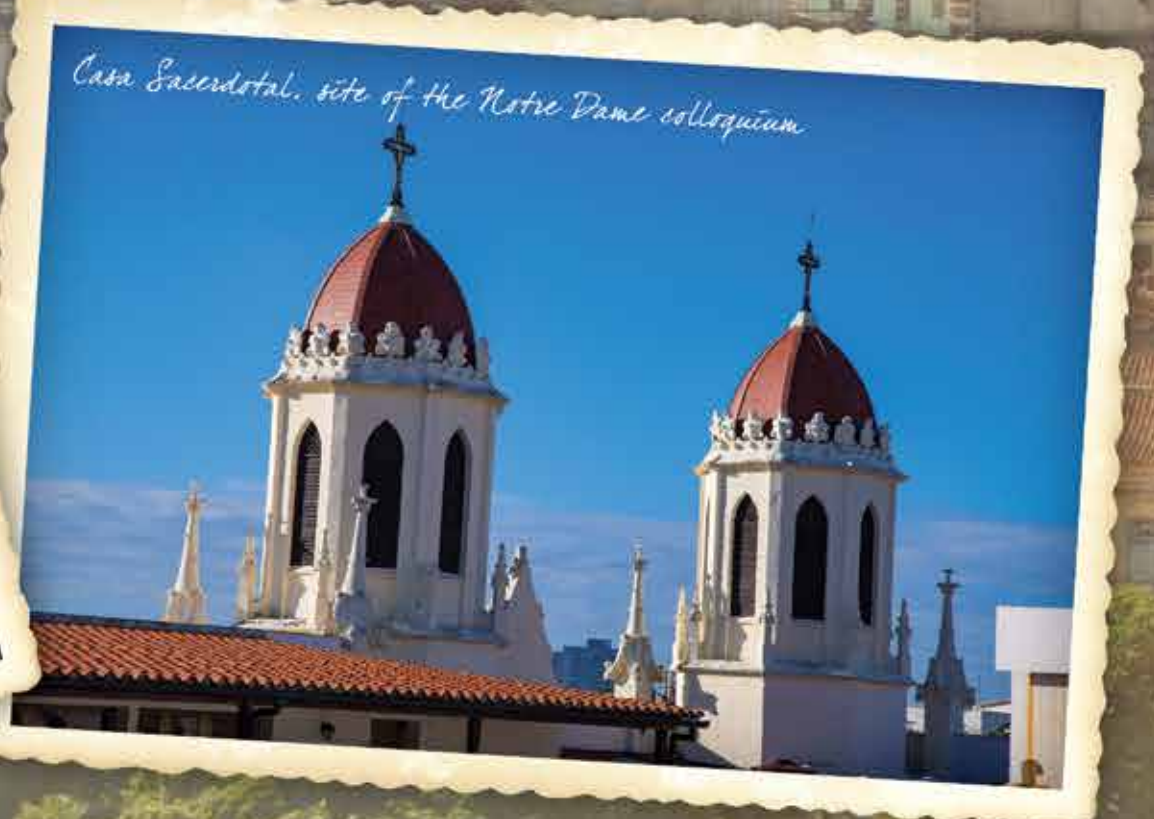
and Fairlane with "new" style license plates



A father mural of Che Guevara



entage of a WiFi hot spot



Casa Sacerdotal, site of the Notre Dame colloquium

ND Arts

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MUSIC

Christmas@ND: NDGC/SO

Department of Music
2 and 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10; \$8
Leighton Concert Hall
The Notre Dame Glee Club and
Symphony Orchestra join together to
present a concert of music for the
holiday season.

Tsung Yeh Conducts Mozart

South Bend Symphony Orchestra
2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8; \$25
Leighton Concert Hall
As part of the June H. Edwards Chamber Series, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra will feature Scott Metlicka on the piccolo and welcomes Maestro Tsung Yeh back to the stage!

Tickets for Browning Cinema movies are \$6 for faculty/staff, \$5 for those 65 and up, free for Notre Dame students, unless otherwise noted on the website. Visit performingarts.nd.edu for more information or to purchase tickets, or call the Ticket Office at 631-2800.



◀ The Magic Flute

For tickets to events at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, visit performingarts.nd.edu and create an account or log in to view faculty/staff discounted ticket prices, or contact the ticket office, 631-2800. Ticket prices listed are the faculty/staff rate.

AT THE BROWNING

Met Opera: Live in HD: L'Amour de Loin

1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10; \$23
180 minutes; one intermission; Live Broadcast
One of the most highly praised operas of recent years, which had its premiere at the Salzburg Festival in 2000, Kaija Saariaho's yearning medieval romance *L'Amour de Loin* ("Love From Afar"), has its Met premiere this season. The production is by Robert Lepage, co-produced with L'Opéra de Québec, where it premiered to acclaim last summer, in collaboration with Ex Machina. Debuting Finnish conductor Susanna Mälkki leads the performance, which stars Susanna Phillips

as Clémence, Eric Owens as Jaufré and Tamara Mumford as the Pilgrim who carries messages of love between them.

Met Opera: Live in HD: War Horse (2014)

1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11; \$18
190 minutes; DCP
Since its first performance at the National Theatre in 2007, *War Horse* has become an international smash hit. Based on Michael Morpurgo's novel and adapted for the stage by Nick Stafford, *War Horse* takes audiences on an extraordinary journey from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. Filled with stirring music

and songs, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-sized puppets by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage. Sponsored by the Brady Endowment for Excellence for Live Theatre Broadcasts.

Met Opera: Live in HD: The Magic Flute

1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17; \$23
120 minutes; Captured Live Broadcast
This was the groundbreaking broadcast that launched the Met's Live in HD series. Adults and children alike were enchanted by the whimsical

humor and breathtaking puppetry of Julie Taymor's hit production.

Met Opera: Live in HD: Nabucco

1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7; \$23
185 minutes; one intermission; Live Broadcast
Met Music Director James Levine conducts Verdi's early drama of Ancient Babylon, *Nabucco*, with Plácido Domingo adding a new role to his repertory as the title character.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The University congratulates those employees celebrating significant service anniversaries in **December**:

30 Years

Dennis B. Payne,
Landscape Services

25 Years

Alejandra Botello and
Thanh H. Le, Custodial
Services
Kurt R. Dering, Office of
Director, Maintenance

20 Years

David G. Davidson,
Custodial Services
Robert B. Richman,
Infrastructure Services
Mary J. Szekendi,
Hesburgh Libraries
Louis M. Wilber, Vending

15 Years

**DeeAnne M. Goodenough-
Lashua**, Chemistry and
Biochemistry
Teri L. Vitale, Special
Events and Stewardship

10 Years

Tim W. Beard, South Dining Hall
Susan M. Dull, IT Administrative
Services
Roger D. Hibbs, Athletic Events
Stephanie D. Mead, Special
Events and Stewardship
Sherry S. Odom, Research and
Sponsored Programs
Eva M. Sporinsky,
Office of Housing
Donald Stelluto, ND Institute
for Advanced Study
Alison L. Thigpen, Band

NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following employees who began work in **October**:

Karis J. Ailabouni, Tantor
Ecumenical Institute
Adam C. Brinckman, Center for
Research Computing
Cephas A. Chigwada, Security
Carla M. Cortes, Executive
Education
Anthony D. Doswell and **Donta
U. Hogan**, Center for Culinary
Excellence
Bridget M. Doyle, Morris Inn
Hannah M. Estes, Rolfs
Aquatic Center
Megan E. Gallagher, Graduate
Career Services
Mary K. Green-Smith, Customer
IT Solutions
Jacob P. Hulewicz, Chemistry and
Biochemistry

Samantha Y. Lee, Graduate School
Clint L. Maxwell,
St. Michael's Laundry
Jesse Meyer, Development
Caesar A. Montevocchio,
Kroc Institute
Joshua Moore, Golf Course
Operations
Thomas J. Noble, Utilities
Operations
Jose T. Pizana, Campus Dining
Administration
Teresa L. Pocius,
Equipment Room
Sandra J. Ramirez-Rocio,
Custodial Services
Michael R. Schmalzried,
Marketing Communications

Carrie A. Shoemaker,
Kellogg Institute
Jessica A. Sieff,
Media Relations
James E. Smous, Engineering
and Design Core Facility
Rosalyn Wells, School
of Architecture
Casey P. Weston, OIT

IN MEMORY

The University extends sympathy to the families and friends of these recently deceased employees and retirees:

Sr. Magdalen Hellmann, PHJC (Retiree, Basilica of the Sacred Heart) June 17
Stephen Raymond (Temp, Rolfs Aquatic Center) Sept. 7
Elizabeth Korensky (Retiree, Food Services) Oct. 5
Rosa Frenkiel (Retiree) Oct. 19
Richard Reppert (Retiree, Athletic Department) Nov. 2
John Jurek (Temp, Usher) Nov. 5
Dale Moss (Retiree) Nov. 9



2016 TEAM IRISH AWARDS



MATT CASHORE

Young African Leaders Initiative Team

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders is the new flagship program of President Barack Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). The initiative was launched in 2010 to support young African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. Beginning in the summer of 2014, the Mandela Washington Fellowship brings 500 young Africans (aged 25 to 35) to the United States each year for academic coursework and leadership training in the areas of business and entrepreneurship, public management, or civic leadership. The program's goal is to create unique opportunities in Africa for fellows to use their new skills in leading organizations, communities and countries. The selected fellows are hosted for six weeks by higher education institutions throughout the country, followed by a gathering in our nation's capital. The University has been selected to host 25 Mandela Fellows each year since 2014 with a focus on business and entrepreneurship.

Team YALI is a 24 member, cross-departmental group composed of administrators, deans, faculty, program managers, administrative staff, center directors, consultants, undergraduates, and high school interns. The team, armed with an understanding of the breadth of Notre Dame's resources and the strength of its talent, created a world-class six-week immersion into business and entrepreneurship. Faculty and staff were recruited, business and community groups were engaged. The Notre Dame program has been recognized by the U.S. Department of State as one of its strongest because of this hardworking team.



BARBARA JOHNSTON

Maintenance Zones 3 & 5

The members of the maintenance zones 3 and 5 serve the College of Engineering, College of Science, Mendoza College of Business and the Law School, as well as several other administrative units. These zones are being recognized in particular for their support of the critical research facilities on campus. The zone technicians have developed a strong customer rapport and provide consistently excellent service. Both teams have developed a number of innovative processes to increase their efficiency and provide prompt and quality service to their customer bases.

These teams work with each other to ensure the reliability and performance of the critical HVAC, vacuum, process cooling and other research-focused systems that researchers rely on day in and day out to perform their cutting edge research. They do it all. From fixing leaky faucets, to diagnosing problems with the chillers, to maintaining the HVAC system.

Considering the nature of research done by the colleges of science and engineering, these groups are integral parts of maintaining a comfortable, efficient and safe working environment for a wide array of research activities. They are truly the unsung heroes behind the research community in the colleges of science and engineering.



PETER RINGENBERG

Staff Advisory Council

The Staff Advisory Council (SAC) is a group of Notre Dame non-exempt employees that serves as a pipeline of information between the University administration and fellow staff members of the University. The members are elected to two-year terms and represent staff from every corner of the campus and every operational area. The group was founded in 1996. SAC shares important information about the University with other staff members and also collects ideas and thoughts from the staff to help advise the administration on important issues. Often members of SAC share their perspectives on University issues through focus groups or through various committees on topics impacting employees on campus. In addition, SAC leads fundraisers for children attending college through the TRIO program, has supported Memorial Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald House, Charles Black After School Program with Pack-a-Backpack and the ND Center for Arts and Culture program by donating art supplies. They work with tremendous commitment to make the Notre Dame community great. They are very proud of their work, and we are proud of them.



MARY LEVIN

On Trump's surprise voter turnout

"What I think many of us did not understand was the extent to which whites who supported Trump were going to turn out and vote in substantial numbers."

Luis Fraga
Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science
NBC, Nov. 9



Putting things in perspective

Faculty offered expertise, insights on 2016 presidential election

As a member of the board of directors of the Commission on Presidential Debates, Notre Dame President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., fielded his fair share of questions about the 2016 U.S. presidential race – not just from curious students, friends or acquaintances, but from leading journalists around the world.

Jenkins, along with other Notre Dame faculty, were highly sought-after experts leading up to and following the election of the nation's 45th commander in chief. Via television, radio and print media outlets on the international, national and local level, these experts contributed to the public discussion about the election.

These faculty members' areas of expertise include religion and politics, politics of race and ethnicity, voting behavior, election and tax law, women and politics, journalism, and campaign ads. And they provided credible opinions on the election process, voter sentiment, top issues and the candidates themselves.

The following are select excerpts from their commentary:



On the debates and the role of the Commission on Presidential Debates

"[The commission] is a remarkable group of people all interested in one thing: How do we present to the American people, a discussion, a debate that will inform our votes? In our challenging times, often polarized times, it is an honor to work with people who are so deeply patriotic and so deeply concerned about our political process.

"The goal of these debates is to present the candidates to the public in various ways so that the public, the voting public ... [is] as educated, as knowledgeable as they can possibly be before they cast that vote. And, if we can do that, we will have a healthier republic, a healthier democracy. That's our purpose."

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
University president and professor of philosophy
C-SPAN, Oct. 9



On changing voter concerns

"Voter satisfaction of the economy and a general sense of how things are going are usually the best indicators of which way an election will go, but since 9/11 foreign policy has intruded into the public consciousness and has not had greater salience perhaps since periods like the 1968 election at the height of the Vietnam War."

Michael Desch
Professor of political science
Catholic News Service, Aug. 19



MATT CASSHORE

On the media and voter perception

"Depending on those channels, you get different facts, you can get different interpretations of those facts and just totally different realities all together. We know the way in which people consume media might be another contributing factor, because people don't consciously watch channels or shows that contradict their political views."

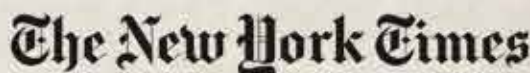
Darren Davis
Professor of political science
WSBT-TV, Sep. 27



On the Secretary Hillary Clinton campaign's messages of hope, kindness and love

"It draws on Christian vocabulary but doesn't appear to have overtly religious content. It seems to come from a more secular, civil kind of spirituality. But when you start using that language, maybe it does bring about a certain elevation of political discourse and insert an ideal that is deeper than the rhetoric. At least it's better than hate language."

John Cavadini
Professor of theology
New York Times, Aug. 27



On the Trump and Clinton foundations

"The bottom line is that close ties between foundations, their leaders, the donors that support them and the causes they support are common. Members of the public can of course still be critical of such ties, but the law allows them."

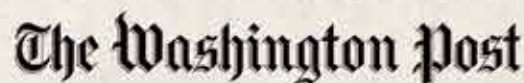
Lloyd Mayer
Professor of law
CNN, Sep. 21



On the feminist triumph of Clinton's run

"The ratification of the 19th Amendment and the presidential candidacy of Hillary Clinton are consequential for how they challenged the ideology of gender difference articulated by opponents of both."

Christina Wolbrecht
Associate professor of political science
Vox, Nov. 11



On the business impact of Trump presidency

"Without a doubt, the obvious beneficiaries are defense, transportation and energy. If there were more coal companies still on the market, they would be really hot right now. The transportation sector has been hit with excessive regulation. Trump should be able to fix that, too."

Tim Loughran
C.R. Smith Professor of Finance
Washington Post, Nov. 9

