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## **Faculty Promotions and Notes of Distinction Announced at Saint Joseph College**

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. - Faculty promotions and Notes of Distinction have been announced by Saint Joseph College Interim Provost Anne Lippert, Ph.D. "These accomplishments reflect the strength of the Saint Joseph College faculty and its commitment to teaching, scholarship and service. They bring honor to the College, the Schools and the entire campus," said Dr. Lippert. "The College community is proud to celebrate the achievements of these faculty members and extends warm congratulations to them!"

Saint Joseph College's Board of Trustees has recognized seven faculty members for promotion, effective in the 2011 - 2012 academic year. Additionally, two members of the faculty will be granted sabbatical leaves for the pursuit of academic study and scholarly research.

### ***Granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor:***



**Reverend Joseph Cheah, OSM, Ph.D., has been promoted to Associate Professor of Religious Studies with tenure at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Reverend Cheah earned his Ph.D. and M.A. from Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, Calif.); an M.Div. from the Franciscan School of Theology (Berkeley, Calif.); and a B.S. from the University of Southern California. He is a resident of Avon, Conn.



**Eric Chen, M.B.A., J.D. has been promoted to Associate Professor of Business Administration with tenure at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Chen earned his J.D. at the University of Connecticut School of Law; an M.S. from the University of Hartford; an M.B.A. and M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and an A.B. from Harvard College. He is a resident of South Windsor, Conn.



**Raymie Wayne, M.S.W., J.D., Ph.D., has been promoted to Associate Professor of Social Work/Latino Community Practice with tenure at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Wayne earned her Ph.D. at the University at Albany, State University of New York; a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law; an M.S.W. from Fordham University; and a B.S.W. from Saint Joseph College. She is a resident of Avon, Conn.

**Promoted to full Professor:**



**Billye Auclair, Ph.D., has been promoted to full Professor of Biology at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Auclair earned her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; an M.S. and B.S. from the University of New Hampshire. She is a resident of West Simsbury, Conn.



**Kathleen A. Butler, Ph.D., Acting Dean - School of Education, has been promoted to full Professor of Education at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Butler earned her Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. at the University of Connecticut. She is a resident of Columbia, Conn.

**Joan Hofmann, Ph.D., has been promoted to full Professor of Special Education at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Hofmann earned her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut; an M.A. from Saint Joseph College; an M.A. from Trinity College; an M.S.T. from the University of New Hampshire; and a B.S. from the University of North Carolina. She is a resident of Collinsville, Conn.

**Receiving faculty emerita status:**



**Mary Alice Wolf, Ed.D., has been recognized as Professor Emerita of Gerontology at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Wolf earned her Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts; an M.A. from Columbia University; Certificat. Ecole Superieure, Sorbonne, Universite de Paris; and a B.A. from Boston University. She is a resident of Suffield, Conn.

**Notes of Distinction:** *The following members of the Saint Joseph College faculty have been approved for sabbatical leaves for 2011 - 2012:*



**Nancy Billias, Ph.D., associate professor of Philosophy at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., will be on sabbatical during the spring 2012 semester.** She will create a textbook: *The Future of Nihilism: Love, Hope and Faith in Post-Modern Conversation*. Dr. Billias earned her Ph.D. from Union Institute and Graduate School (Cincinnati, Ohio); an M.S.Sc. from New School University; an M.Th. from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland); an M.A. from Claremont Graduate School; and a B.A. from Clark University. She is a resident of West Hartford, Conn.



**Kenneth Long, Ph.D., professor of History/Political Science at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., will be on sabbatical during the spring 2012 semester.** He will be serving as a Fulbright Visiting Professor at Johannes Kepler University Linz (Austria). Dr. Long earned his Ph.D. at the University at Albany, State University of New York; an M.P.A. from Syracuse University; and a B.A. from University at Albany, State University of New York. He is a resident of West Hartford, Conn.

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