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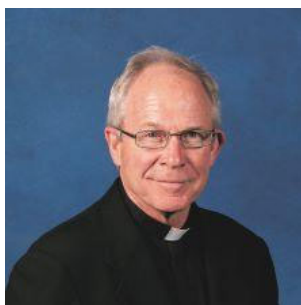
Marguerite "Peggy" Adams



female lawyers in Louisiana). Peggy is a member of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Finance Council and serves on the Board of Lambeth House.

Marguerite "Peggy" Adams is a native of New Orleans. She received her B.A. in 1972 from Auburn University and her J.D. in 1981 from Loyola University where she was Articles Editor of Loyola Law Review. Peggy has been a business lawyer with the law firm Liskow & Lewis for nearly 40 years. Her practice includes commercial real estate acquisition and development as well as estate planning. She is a Board Certified Estate Planning and Administration Specialist, a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (served as past chairman of the State Laws Committee) and a member of the council of the Louisiana Law Institute (currently serving on its Successions and Donations Committee and Trust Code Committee). She is named in The Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, New Orleans Magazine's Top Lawyers, and Super Lawyers (top 50 in Louisiana and top 25

Michael Barber, S.J.



Michael Barber, S.J., entered the Society of Jesus in 1966 and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1979. He holds a BA from Saint Louis University (1971), an MA from Saint Louis University (1972), Master of Divinity from Loyola University of Chicago (1979) and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Yale University (1985). In 1985, he began teaching at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, where he has worked for 35 years. While at Saint Louis University, he served as the Dean of the School of Philosophy and Letters (2009-2012) and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (2010-2015). He has published 7 solo-authored books, edited 17 other volumes, and published over 100 articles in the area of ethics and the phenomenology of the social world. He is active in several professional, philosophy societies, and he celebrates the Eucharist regularly for the Hispanic Community of Holy Rosary Church in Fairmont City, Illinois.

Michael Bell



Prior to his retirement in June 2019, Mr. Bell worked for Callan LLC where he helped build and then manage the firm's over \$20 billion of institutional investment portfolios for endowments, foundations, and pension plans. To achieve their investment goals, he worked with a variety of external investment management firms, trustee-custodians, auditors, and cash management and transition managers; and he was particularly focused on Callan's legal, compliance, risk management, audit, tax, and insurance matters as they related to the firm's investment management activities. Mr. Bell also provided operational, marketing, and business expertise. Mr. Bell was a shareholder of the firm until his departure.

Mr. Bell came to Callan from the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (APFC) where he worked as its Equities Senior Investment Officer and had overseen the growth of the APFC's global equities position to \$14 billion, an increase from 35% to 53% of the

APFC's investment portfolio. He has also held various marketing positions during a prior career direction. During that time his employers included a computer services company, a manufacturer, a real estate holding firm, and an advertising agency.

Mr. Bell has strong ties to Loyola and New Orleans. He grew up on campus as his father, Tom Bell, was a journalism professor for 28 years, and his family is the sponsor of the Ralph "Tom" Bell scholarship. Additionally, his daughter, mother, and sister are graduates of Loyola. Mr. Bell graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in Journalism and he later earned an M.B.A. from the University of Alaska Southeast.

A current resident of Niwot, Colorado, Mr. Bell has lived in the South, Midwest, Northeast, West, and Alaska. He enjoys fly fishing and adventuring with his wife, retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain Virginia K. Holtzman-Bell whom he met while attending Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans. Some of their recent trips include fly fishing in Iceland and driving their EarthRoamer Xpedition vehicle from Colorado to the shores of the Arctic Ocean in Alaska and back, a 77-day, 12,000-mile adventure. Mr. Bell and his wife have two children.

Catherine "Michie" McHardy Bissell



Michie Bissell is a 1964 graduate of the Loyola University New Orleans College of Dental Hygiene and Loyola Abroad program at Universidad de Iberia Americano in Mexico City. Her career experience includes nearly 30 years as a dental hygienist as well as service as a community affairs specialist for the Regional Transit Authority of New Orleans.

An active volunteer, Ms. Bissell serves as the commander of the Grand Commandry of the South, the Military and Hospitalier Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem; board president of the St. Jude Community Center; outgoing president of the Southern Dominican Province Advisory Board; and member of the parish council of Our Lady of Guadeloupe Catholic Church.

She has also volunteered for 10 years on the Trinity Episcopal Church Medical Mission to Honduras and Nicaragua, as well as served as the tri-parish chairman of the American Cancer Society, a board member of the Leukemia Society, co-founder and president of the Vendome Place Private Patrol, member of the St. Martin's Episcopal School Booster Club, a football and softball coach at the Jewish Community Center and Holy Name of Jesus School, president and board member of Holy Name of Jesus Parents' Club, president and board member of the Lower Quarter Crime Watch, and chairman and board member of the Human Relations Commission of the City of New Orleans.

She is currently a member of the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Patio Planters and the city, state and national Dental Hygiene Associations.

Cassandra "Cassi" Chandler



Cassandra "Cassi" Chandler has led an extraordinary career as an innovator, strategist, attorney and servant leader within U.S. government services and the financial services industry. She is an Adjunct Professor at PACE University in New York, a member of the faculty at Pacific Coast Banking School, a member of the Board of Trustees at LOYOLA University New Orleans, and CEO of the Leadership Development and Leadership Risk assessment firm, *Vigeo Alliance*.

Cassi currently serves on the Federal Monitor's team for the New York Police Department and is also CEO of the Chandler Consulting Group, LLC. Prior to her retirement as a Senior Vice President for Business Operations at Bank of America (BoFA), Cassi was responsible for building an integrated framework for assessing risks and operational effectiveness of enterprise coverage areas at the bank. Previously, she built and directed an enterprise team to collect and analyze internal and external intelligence to predict regulatory, reputational and financial risks, while also enhancing the customer experience. She also served as the bank's Senior Global Investigative Services Executive, developing a prevention-focused global fraud program that investigated fraudulent activities and utilized intelligence to identify emerging fraud trends and potential risks.

In addition to her roles as a risk executive, Cassi was the compliance and enterprise engagement executive with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). In that role, she was responsible for building relations and supporting the needs of the Consumer regulator and managing and influencing CFPB interactions across the enterprise. She also served on the U.S. Marine Corp Red Team that monitored the Corp's assessment of expanding infantry roles to women.

Cassi joined Bank of America in January 2008, following her retirement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where she spent nearly 24 years managing, directing and leading criminal, terrorism and foreign intelligence activities in the FBI. She was a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service (SES), the Assistant Director of the FBI Academy at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, and Section Chief of Criminal and Domestic Terrorism Intelligence. She served as an attorney in the Office of Legal Counsel, was Special Agent in Charge of the Norfolk Field Office and the FBI's first female national spokesperson and Assistant Director of Public Affairs. Before joining the FBI, Cassi was an attorney with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and a reporter and anchorwoman for an NBC affiliate.

Lynn Coatney



Lynn Coatney is a decades-long community volunteer in New Orleans. After earning her B.S. in Education and a M.Ed. in Special Education from the University of Texas at Austin, she worked as a teacher and consultant for blind and visually impaired students in Austin and New Orleans. Lynn served on the Board of Trustees at St. Martin's Episcopal School from 2003-2010 and currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Louisiana SPCA. Together with her husband, she started the Mike and Lynn Coatney Family Foundation, which supports non-profits focused on education and women's healthcare. Lynn co-founded Dignity Period, a non-profit organization that provides eco-friendly menstrual hygiene products and education to Ethiopian schoolchildren. Since 2015 the Coatneys have sponsored the New Orleans branch of Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR), which supports survivors of sexual

trauma and creates social change. Lynn is an advocate for Loyola's Student Success Center's commitment to provide accommodations and technology for disabled students. She and her husband have three adult children (one of whom is a Loyola graduate) and three grandchildren, all living New Orleans.

[John Cunningham, S.J. S.J.](#)



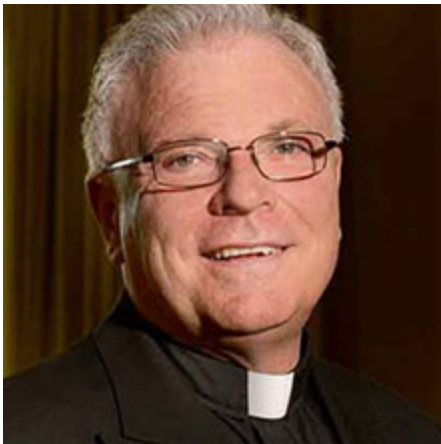
John D. Cunningham, S.J. is a Jesuit priest who is currently department chair and associate professor of Physics at Fordham University. Although he has studied Philosophy (M.A. Fordham University, 2000) and Theology (M. Div. Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, 2005), his primary academic interests have been in Experimental Particle Physics and Astrophysics.

His training in Physics began with a B.S. in Physics from Pennsylvania State University (1983). After earning a Ph.D. in Particle Physics from the University of Notre Dame (1991) where he studied the lifetime of charm-quark particles at Fermi National Laboratory (Fermilab, Batavia, IL), he was a post-doctoral research associate at Fermilab on the Colliding Detector (CDF) experiment (1991 – 1993). At CDF, he studied heavy quark physics, researching bottom-quark states. CDF was successful in identifying the sixth quark, top, in 1995.

In 2006 Cunningham joined a research group at Argonne National Laboratory (Lemont, IL) that was researching Type Ia supernovae. These supernovae are being studied to gauge the expansion of the universe. He worked with this group in simulating supernovae data that was contaminated with core collapse supernovae. With this research group, he also studied the use of television signals to detect high energy cosmic rays. While at Argonne he also worked with the TRICE (Tracking & Imaging Cerenkov) Detector group to also detect and understand cosmic rays.

He is author or coauthor of numerous scientific publications and is a member of the American Astronomical Society, American Physical Society, the American Association of Physic Teachers, and the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (Berkeley, CA).

[Michael Garanzini, S.J.](#)



Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. (born September 24, 1948 in Saint Louis, Missouri) is a priest of the Society of Jesus. From 2001 until 2015, Garanzini served as the twenty-third President of Loyola University Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Fr. Garanzini graduated from Saint Louis University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1971, the same year that he entered the Society of Jesus. After spending years around the country and in Rome during his training and early years as a Jesuit, Garanzini received a doctorate in psychology and religion in 1986 from the Graduate Theological Union and the University of California, Berkeley. Later that year, he returned to Saint Louis University, teaching as an associate professor of psychology and later serving as academic vice president. Garanzini has taught at Regis University, Fordham University and the Gregorian University in Rome. After ten years at St. Louis University, he became assistant to the president of Georgetown University and Georgetown

University until his presidency at Loyola. After stepping down from the presidency at LUC in 2014, he became its Chancellor. In 2012, he was appointed Secretary for Higher Education for the 200 Jesuit post-secondary institutions globally, a post he still holds. He is currently president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

Garanzini is the author of *The Attachment Cycle: An Object Relations Approach to the Healing Ministries* (1988), *Meeting the Needs of Dysfunctional Families* (1993), *Child-Centered Schools: An Educator's Guide to Family Dysfunction* (1995), and articles in numerous journals. He has served on several boards of trustees of Jesuit universities including Loyola New Orleans, Rockhurst, USF, Fordham, Fairfield, St. Louis University, and Loyola Marymount in LA. He is currently president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

[Anne B. Gauthier](#)



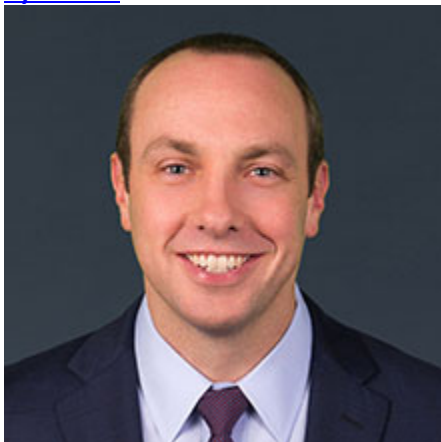
Anne Gauthier is active on numerous nonprofit boards in New Orleans, including the Musical Arts Society of New Orleans, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, New Orleans Museum of Art, and Jefferson Performing Arts Society. She is the wife of the late Wendell Gauthier, J.D. '70, a Loyola law alumnus, and has three daughters and four grandchildren. She resides in New Orleans.

[Derby Gisclair](#)



Derby Gisclair '73 retired after nearly thirty-five years in the investment management consulting industry. He has been a member of the Loyola Board of Trustees since 2008, and served as co-Chair of the university's \$100 million capital campaign, Faith in the Future. He resides in New Orleans and Destin, Florida.

[Ryan Haas](#)



Mr. Haas is a partner at Iron Point Partners, LLC, a private equity real estate investment firm which manages a series of real estate opportunity funds. He currently serves on the firm's management committee as well as the investment committee of each of the Iron Point funds. Mr. Haas' responsibilities at Iron Point include fund management, originating and structuring investment opportunities, acquisition due diligence, transaction execution, fund formation, capital raising, and investor relations. Mr. Haas leads Iron Point's senior housing investment activities and has either led or been actively involved in investments in hospitality, multifamily, and self-storage properties as well as numerous distressed transactions across a variety of product types. Prior to Iron Point, Mr. Haas was with Ernst & Young, LLP, from 1999 to 2005, where he was a manager in Ernst & Young's real estate group and provided assurance and advisory services for numerous real estate clients with a principal focus on private equity real estate opportunity funds. Mr. Haas earned an M.S. in Real Estate Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006 and a B.B.A. in Accounting from Loyola University in 1999. Mr. Haas is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas and resides in Dallas.

Morton Katz



Morton Katz is a retired partner in and of counsel for Herman, Herman & Katz, LLC, as well as national firm Herman Gerel, LLP (both plaintiff and defense firms share partners). Katz's practice areas include personal injury, maritime personal injury, real estate litigation, product liability and construction litigation. Katz is admitted in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Katz is a former member of the advisory board of the American Arbitration Association. He is a former member of the board of governors and the advisory board of the Louisiana Association for Justice. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, as well as a Founding Fellow of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association. Having completed Officer Candidate School in the Louisiana National Guard in

1969, he received commission as Second Lieutenant. In 1973, he was honorably discharged.

Katz received a B.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1966 and a J.D. from Loyola University in 1969. Katz is an emeritus member of the Law School Visiting Committee and served as president of the Law School Alumni Association.

Stephen Kent



Dr. Kent acted as a system architect in the design and development of network security systems, and served as principal investigator on network security R&D projects, for over 35 years. His R&D activities have included the design and development of network layer encryption and access control systems and standards, secure transport layer protocols secure e-mail technology, PKI standards, and certification authority systems. He served on the Internet Architecture Board, and lead Internet standards activities in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) since 1985. The author of two book chapters, over twenty Internet Standards, and numerous technical papers on network security, Dr. Kent has served as a referee, panelist, session chair and keynote speaker for security conferences around the world. Since 1977 he has lectured on the topic of network security on behalf of government agencies, universities, and private companies throughout the United States,

Europe, Australia, Africa and the Far East. He received the B.S. degree in mathematics from Loyola University of New Orleans, and the S.M., E.E., and Ph.D. degrees in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a Fellow of the ACM, and an inductee into the Internet Hall of Fame.

Steve Landry Chair



Steve Landry is a 1983 Loyola College of Business graduate, and a retired partner with Ernst & Young LLP in Houston, Texas. He originally joined the firm's New Orleans office in 1985 where he worked with oil field clients. From January 2007 to April 2013, Landry served as director of tax compliance and accounting with Marathon Oil Company, and later as its vice president of tax.

Dennis Lauscha



Dennis Lauscha, a native New Orleanian, has been a fan of the Saints since he was a young boy. He attended Jesuit High School and received degrees in Business, first from the University of Alabama, followed by an M.B.A. from Loyola University.

He first joined the Saints in 1998 as Treasurer and as a result of his hard work, loyalty and business acumen, Lauscha rose through the executive ranks to serve as Vice President, Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President before reaching his now esteemed post as President since 2012. In his role, he oversees the club's financial operations, government affairs, marketing, ticket and suite sales, legal, stadium, community affairs, human resources, business intelligence and information technology. He also serves as a representative for both clubs at NFL and NBA Owners meetings. In addition to his duties with the Saints and Pelicans, he maintains multiple roles within other holdings of Mrs. Benson, maintaining a role in the management of her automotive dealerships, real estate holdings, GMB Racing, Benson Capital Partners and other investments.

Active throughout sports and the community, Lauscha currently serves as a member of the Business Council of New Orleans & The River Region, as a board member of the Audubon Nature Institute, and as a trustee of the National World War II Museum. Lauscha has completed terms as board president of the Preservation Resource Center, president of the regional chapter of the Boy Scouts of America and as a member of the Blight Transition New Orleans Task Force, the Mayor's Transition Committee, the Super Bowl XLVII Host Committee, the 2014 and 2017 NBA All-Star Game Host Committees, the 2012 NCAA Final Four Host Committee, the Loyola University New Orleans School of Business Visiting Committee, the NBA's Team Advisory Council of Presidents and Team CBA Advisory Committee, the NFL's Ticketing Strategy Working Group, the NFL's 100th Anniversary Committee, the NFL's Sports Betting Committee, the Stuart Hall School Board of Trustees and on the New Orleans Museum of Art Board.

[Robért LeBlanc](#) Vice-Chair



Robert LeBlanc's passion for hospitality shines through in his New Orleans restaurants. Through his company LeBlanc+Smith, LeBlanc brings an energetic yet hospitable "joie de vivre" to each of his places. Each space is driven by the assembly of a passionate and talented team that is committed to creating memorable experiences for each and every guest.

LeBlanc, whose family roots date back to the mid-18th century New Orleans, became enamored with the city of New Orleans at a very young age. Born and raised in Houma, LA, his family would often travel to New Orleans to visit his grandparents and many aunts and uncle and cousins there. Upon graduating from Vanderbilt Catholic High, he attended Loyola University New Orleans to play basketball there, where he studied economics and finance. Having always been passionate about a career in music, LeBlanc remained in New Orleans upon graduation to start a record label. That label slowly evolved into a successful concert and event production business. The close ties between the music and hospitality industries eventually led LeBlanc into the restaurant and bar business exclusively, and to this day the design of each of his spaces begins by answering the question "what type of music should be playing in this room?"

In fall 2010, Sylvain opened on Chartres Street in the French Quarter. The rock 'n roll atmosphere, which reflects LeBlanc's experiences in the music industry, paired with the modern gastropub fare and spot-on cocktail and wine programs, instantly made, and continues to make, Sylvain a destination for New Orleans residents and visitors alike. Following the success of Sylvain, LeBlanc opened Sainte Marie Brasserie in April 2011. In May 2014 upon his purchasing the iconic French Quarter neighborhood restaurant Meauxbar, LeBlanc decided to close Sainte Marie and to move that entire team to Meauxbar., which has become one of the most popular neighborhood bistros in the city and serves locally inspired French fare. That same month, he opened Barrel Proof, an authentic whiskey bar in the Lower Garden District. In early 2016, LeBlanc expanded his reach to Uptown New Orleans, with a third restaurant, Cavan, where Zagat proclaims *"American coastal cuisine gets a serious upgrade."* Up next on the slate of projects is Longway Tavern, a classic neighborhood tavern catering to those who live and work in the French Quarter. Collectively, LeBlanc's portfolio is considered the most stylish and regularly frequented bars and restaurants in New Orleans and is approaching \$10M per year in gross revenues.

In his personal life, LeBlanc devotes his time to his wife Danielle, a kindergarten teacher, and their two sons, Bear (7) and William (4). He continues to foster his love for music when time allows and continues to pursue his passion for design through a multitude of different platforms. Other hobbies include reading history, playing tennis and boxing.

[James Meza](#)



Dr. James Meza, Jr. is a graduate of LOYNO's College of Business Administration, and a member of LOYNO's Athletic Hall of Fame. He is Dean and Professor Emeritus at the University of New Orleans. Upon his retirement from higher education, he served as the Superintendent of Schools in Jefferson Parish. He has also served as Executive Director of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Dr. Meza was the recipient of The Weiss Award by the New Orleans Council for Community and Social Justice for distinguished service in the field of human relation.

Sean O'Keefe



Sean O'Keefe is a Professor at the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs. He previously served in the national government in various appointments to include Secretary of the Navy and NASA Administrator, on the White House and Congressional staff, in academic administration as the Chancellor at the Louisiana State University, and just prior to returning to academic life, he was CEO of the Airbus Group US subsidiary. Recipient of numerous public service awards and honorary degrees, he is most proud to be a 1977 alumnus of Loyola University, New Orleans. He and his wife Laura reside in Alexandria, Virginia and Skaneateles, NY.

Bernard "Bernie" Panetta



Mr. Bernard Panetta earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Tulane University. He later earned his law degree from Georgetown University. Following graduation, Mr. Panetta served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C., from 1973 to 1979 and then an attorney in the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. from 1979 to 1983. Since 1983, he has successfully operated a private practice.

William Roberti



William V. Roberti is a Senior Advisor at Alvarez & Marsal. He brings nearly four decades of leadership to corporate, government, and public sector organizations. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University and a Master of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University.

[Scott Rodger](#)



Mr. Scott Rodger is a Partner in Maverick, an Artist Management and Production company, who represent artists including Paul McCartney, U2, Andrea Bocelli, Aerosmith, Nicki Minaj, Lil Wayne, The Weeknd, Madonna, Britney Spears, Miley Cyrus, French Montana, Marina and the Diamonds, Shania Twain, Jason Aldean and many more from offices in Los Angeles, New York, Nashville, London and Milan. Mr. Rodger has been in artist management for thirty years and is also a Grammy Winning Music Film Producer for Paul McCartney's "Live Kisses" film. Most recently in the past 18 months he has secured global number one campaigns for Arcade Fire, Shania Twain, Paul McCartney and Andrea Bocelli. Four artists in very different musical genres and audience demographics. Mr. Rodger resides in New Orleans, Los Angeles and London.

[Leah Schlater-Brown](#)



Leah Schlater-Brown is a finance executive with over 20 years' experience in the Payment Industry. Leah also has a background in public accounting having worked at KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

She obtained her executive MBA degree and a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting and finance from the University of Houston and Loyola University of New Orleans, respectively. She is an alumna of Inroads and Loyola University's Upward Bound Program.

When not working, Leah enjoys traveling with her family, indoor cycling, and long walks with her family dog. She engages in charitable activities for the Houston Food Bank, Books Between Kids, and the Houston Arboretum, as she believes in the importance of volunteerism. She is also a long-standing supporter of Catholic Charities of New Orleans and the Sisters of the Holy Family.

Leah resides in Houston, Texas, with her husband and son.

[Rhonda Sharkawy](#)



Rhonda Sharkawy joined the Stirling Properties team in 1998 as Development Director, where she was involved in retail ground-up developments and redevelopments. In 2002, she transitioned to the Commercial Brokerage Division as Senior Retail Leasing & Development Executive. For over twenty years, she has worked on new retail developments, redevelopments, and leasing existing shopping centers. In addition, she represents over a dozen national retailers throughout Louisiana.

After completing a bachelor's degree at Loyola University New Orleans, Sharkawy earned a master's degree in Land & Real Estate Development and completed her coursework for a master's degree in Construction Science from Texas A&M University. She resides in New Orleans.

Michael Skehan



Michael Skehan is a 1976 graduate of Loyola University with a BA in Communications. In 1975, he began working as a news cameraman and editor for WWL-TV. In 1979, he returned to his hometown, Washington DC, to begin work at WRC-TV, an NBC O&O station, as a cameraman, editor, and engineer.

In 1981, Michael formed the first of several business ventures and began a contract with an international news network, Independent Television News of London (ITN). He traveled the world covering major events for ITN, including: US Presidential elections, the funeral of Bob Marley, Queen Elizabeth's North American tour, the Reagan-Gorbachev summits, Manuel Noriega's inauguration, and many notable world events.

Over the next 20+ years, Michael's company, Skehan Communications, expanded into mobile satellite transmission, remote production services, specialized engineering projects and more. Their clients included broadcast networks, Fortune 500 companies, the White House, and others.

In mid-2005, Michael became the Divisional Head of Broadcast & Engineering for the Angel Christian Television Trust, owner of the GOD TV global network. For the next 6 years he supervised the technical operations of facilities in Jerusalem, Washington DC, Plymouth England, and Kansas City. He also advised on projects in South Africa, Kenya, and the UK.

In 2012, as GOD TV moved their DC operations elsewhere, Skehan Communications LLC was resurrected as a full-time production company. The company's recent clients include NASA-TV, the Horatio Alger Foundation, the US Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Al Jazeera Int'l., CBS, NBC, US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Eternal Word Television, US Department of Defense, Howard University, George Mason University, Bank of America, ESPN, and many others.

Michael has been the recipient of many professional awards over his 40+ years in the business, including New Orleans Press Club Awards in 1977 & '78, for feature and deadline photography

Michael is a member of the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers, and the Society of Broadcast Engineers. He is also a member of The Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. In recognition of his many decades of broadcast work, he was inducted into the NATAS Silver Circle in 2014.

Stephanie Stokes



Stephanie Stokes is a lifelong journalist who has lived in the New Orleans area since 1993. She was a news and features editor for 20 years at The Times-Picayune in New Orleans. She also worked as a reporter and editor at newspapers in Florida and New Jersey. A Philadelphia native, Ms. Stokes received her B.A. from Georgetown University and her M.S. in Journalism from the Columbia Journalism School. She is a past board president of the New Orleans Speech and Hearing Center and a past board member of The Lens. Her daughter matriculated at Loyola in 2018.

Tania Tetlow, J.D. President



Tania Tetlow, J.D., is the 17th university president of Loyola University New Orleans. She is the first woman and the first layperson to lead Loyola since the Society of Jesus founded the university in 1912. President Tetlow is also the fourth woman president, as well as the youngest woman president, to lead one of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the U.S. that comprise the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU.) As university president of Loyola University New Orleans, she is expected to usher in a new and exciting era at the 104-year-old Jesuit, Catholic university. She joined Loyola in August, 2018.

Previously, President Tetlow served as senior vice president and chief of staff as well as the Felder-Fayard Professor of Law at Tulane University, where she was key strategic adviser to President Michael Fitts. In this role, she held oversight of government, community, and board relations; she led special policy efforts on issues including campus safety, race and diversity, and campus sexual misconduct reforms. During her time as strategic adviser, enrollment, retention, and fundraising soared, and the university experienced great cultural, community, and financial transformation.

A renowned lawyer and member of the Tulane Law School faculty since 2005, President Tetlow served as Tulane's inaugural associate provost for international affairs, coordinating the university's international programs, research, and students. Her research helped to usher in new anti-discrimination policies at the U.S. Department of Justice. She directed Tulane's Domestic Violence Law Clinic and raised a total of \$2.3 million in federal grant funds. She advised governments and law clinics in Egypt, Rwanda, and Iran on domestic violence policy and was chosen to participate in the U.S. delegation to the Secretary of State's People-to-People Exchange in Beijing. In 2009, she was the newest faculty member ever to receive Tulane's University Graduate Teaching Award.

Before joining academia, President Tetlow was an associate at Phelps Dunbar, litigating complex commercial transactions. She also served as an assistant United States attorney, prosecuting everything from violent crime to fraud cases.

President Tetlow brings to Loyola a wealth of experience, as well as strong community, donor, and industry relationships. She has served on a variety of nonprofit boards and city commissions. At the mayor's request, she led a turnaround of the NOPD Sex Crimes Unit. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she chaired the New Orleans Public Library board and raised \$7 million to rebuild flooded branches. She was selected for the British American Project, a bilateral leadership organization, and later served as its U.S. chair.

President Tetlow graduated cum laude from Tulane University with a bachelor of arts degree in American studies and is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School as well as a Harry Truman Fellow. A Catholic and a New Orleanian, President Tetlow has deep family ties to the Jesuits and has been a member of the Ignatius Chapel community at Loyola since she was 6 years old.

[Jeffrey von Arx, S.J.](#)



The Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J. is the superior and director of John LaFarge House, the Jesuit house of studies in Cambridge Massachusetts. He is Visiting Professor of the History of Christianity at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Fr. von Arx is President Emeritus of Fairfield University, where he served from 2004-2016. From 1998 to 2004, he was Dean of Fordham College at Rose Hill. He taught history at Georgetown University from 1982 to 1998, and served as Chair of the History Department there from 1991-1997. He is the founding Director of the Georgetown Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies. Fr. von Arx is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

[Gregory Waldrop, S.J.](#)



Gregory Waldrop, S.J., Ph.D., works on the art and architecture of late medieval and early modern Italy, with a focus on 14th- and 15th-century painting in Central Italy and Tuscany. Fr. Waldrop's teaching ranges from the art of the western Middle Ages and Renaissance to 21st-century issues of art and ethics, and his articles and reviews have appeared in both scholarly and mainstream journals in the United States and abroad. Before his arrival at Loyola, he also worked in the area of collections management and as executive director of university art collections at Fordham University in New York, where he co-curated the 2014 exhibition *Palas por Pistolas/Shovels for Guns* by Pedro Reyes. Fr. Waldrop was a Rome Prize Fellow at the American Academy in Rome from 2006 to 2008 and during his time in Italy also served as an analyst for CBS News from 2005 to 2008.

He currently is also rector of the Loyola Jesuit Community.

[Jeremy Zipple, S.J.](#)



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