In this edition we look ahead to the 2016 Life and Learning Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We also focus on the many recent accomplishments of our members.

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UFL Updates

In which we highlight the activities of our organization, members, and chapters, including publications, talks, and consultations.

Note: all names in bold are members of UFL.

UFL

- **New UFL President and board members.** At last June’s conference in Minneapolis, UFL elected a new president, **R. Mary Hayden Lemmons**, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. She is also affiliated with Catholic Studies and serves on the advisory board of Family Studies. She earned her Ph.D. from the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. Her expertise includes ethics, political and legal philosophy, philosophy of person and love, and personalist feminism. Her interest in prolife issues stretches back to her undergraduate days when she wrote about manipulating the human genome for a student publication at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

As **Lynn Wardle** and **Richard Stith** step down from the Board, we have two new members, **Melissa Moschella** and **Bernadette Waterman Ward**.

Here is a word from our new president:

On behalf of UFL, I thank Lynn and Richard for their many years of wise advice and generous service both to the Board and to the noble cause of educating for life. May their past efforts inspire us to do likewise and be that voice of reason in these troubled times. Also, I wish to thank our out-going President **Teresa Collett**. Her wise and gentle leadership has positioned UFL to remain an organization of prominence and influence. We are blessed that she will remain on the Board.

- **Lifetime membership.** UFL is now offering Lifetime Membership. Five hundred dollars will enable you to more easily support our mission throughout your golden years. More details will be posted on our website soon.

- **2016 Life and Learning Conference.** The 2016 Life and Learning Conference of University Faculty for Life will be held at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 10-11, 2016. The focus will be on the issues of physician-assisted suicide and care at the end of life.
Plenary speakers will include Thomas Cavanaugh, Ph.D. Professor of Philosophy at the University of San Francisco, who will speak on the Hippocratic Oath and why, in a virtue ethics framework, a physician ought not kill; Professor Christopher Wolfe, Ph.D. of the University of Dallas, who will present on political and legal ‘Constitutional Law’ aspects of end of life; and Dr. Timothy Jessick, DO, Director of the Palliative Care and Hospice Center at Aurora Health in Milwaukee who will speak on palliative and hospice care.

There will be a panel on brain death. The speakers will be Maureen Condic, Paul Byrne, Michael Gorman, Christopher Tollefson, Melissa Moschella. Discussants will be Jason Eberl, Robert Buchanan, Pat Lee, Christian Brugger.

Others will present on the medical, psychological, political, sociological, historical, legal, theological, philosophical, and even the literary/cultural/artistic aspects of these life issues. The 2016 Annual UFL Conference is being co-hosted by Cardinal Stritch and Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Please see the end of this newsletter for the Call for Papers by clicking here. While welcoming all papers on abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, the 2016 conference will be focusing on end of life issues.

For information on housing options, see the end of the newsletter by clicking here.

➢ Smith Award. The Rupert and Timothy Smith Award for Distinguished Contributions to Pro-Life Scholarship will be presented to philosopher and long-time UFL member Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Ph.D. Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University and Editor-in-Chief, International Philosophical Quarterly. He will give an end-of-conference banquet talk entitled “Spiritual Care at the End of Life.”

➢ Life and Learning Proceedings. The UFL’s conference proceedings are available through the 2014 conference at UFL Annual Proceedings link on the UFL web page.

➢ Cardinal O’Connor Conference for Life. Unfortunately, the blizzard on the East Coast resulted in the cancelation of this year’s UFL co-sponsored Cardinal O’Connor Conference for Life. Keep an eye on their web page for details on next year’s conference.

Publications and member activities

➢ Richard Stith (law) gave a presentation entitled "Excluding religion excludes more than religion." December 9, 2015, to a faculty seminar at Columbia University in New York

➢ Teresa Collett (law), Director of the Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, contributed an amicus brief that helped defeat a challenge to an Arizona law that made sex- and race-selective abortions illegal. Here are some details in an article from the University of St. Thomas, which also highlights other contributions from the Prolife Center to the question of discrimination in abortion.

Here are a couple of videos of recent events at the Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas. The first is a lecture by Prof. Tom Berg on “Patents on Human Life – The Limits of Private Property,” Nov. 3, 2015. The second is a discussion of “MN Law, Fetal Body Parts, and Planned Parenthood Videos” with Autumn Leva, Director of Policy & Communications at Minnesota Family Council and University of St. Thomas Law Professor Teresa Collett (law)
Collet also contributed to a symposium on the SCOTUblog about Whole Woman’s Health v. Cole, the abortion case that will be argued before the US Supreme Court in early March of 2016. “Ensuring abortion safety in a declining market for abortion services.” Other contributions to the symposium can be found here.

Finally, Collett appeared in an interview about the 43rd anniversary of Roe v Wade on KARE television, an NBC affiliate in the Twin Cities.

- **Fr. John Conley, S.J.** (philosophy) edited the volume *Angelique de Saint-Jean Arnauld d’Andilly: Writings of Resistance* (Toronto: University of Toronto/Iter Press, 2015). This is a translation, critical edition, and commentary on the writings of a Jansenist nun in the seventeenth century.

- **Lynn Wardle** (law), Marriage & Family Law Research Project “Does The Adoption Of Genderless Marriage Lead To More Abortions?”


  Dr. Accad has started a blog, “Progress Notes, Philosophy, and Medical Science,” which addresses a variety of medical topics (healthcare economics, medical-decision making, philosophy of medicine, doctor-patient relationship, and medical ethics).


  “Euthanasia in Canada: an Interview with Margaret A. Somerville” *Human Life Review* 41:2 (Spring 2015), 67-75.

On genetic engineering in Britain (interview with Helen Watts of the Anscombe Institute): *HUMAN LIFE REVIEW*, 41:3 (Summer 2015).

Interview with Prof. Witold Stawrowski of the Tischner Institute, Krakow, Poland, on his book, *Clash of Civilizations, or Civil War* (which includes a pro-life component, speaking of today’s “sleek barbarians”): *Polish Review* 60:3 (2015), 97-103.

- **Francis Beckwith’s** (political science) new book, *Taking Rites Seriously: Law, Politics, and the Reasonableness of Faith* was recently released by Cambridge University Press.

- Here is an article from *Crux* that discusses the pros and cons of the adoption of IVF embryos. In includes some quotes by UFL member **Janet E. Smith** (moral theology). “A Catholic dilemma: Should IVF embryos be adopted?” by Michael O’Loughlin.

There is an excellent interview with **Janet Smith** by Sean Salai, S.J. in *America Magazine*, “Bioethics and the Catholic Church: 21 Questions for Janet E. Smith.”


  "The Affordable Care Act and Religious Liberty: Principles of Adjudication," Pp. 179-192 in *The Affordable Care Act Decision: Philosophical and Legal*
Social Networking

- Don’t forget, UFL is on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In. On Facebook you can “like” the “University Faculty for Life” page. On Twitter follow “Faculty4Life”. Our blog can be found at www.uffl.org/blog/. There is also an active “University Faculty for Life” subgroup of the “Pro-life Professionals” group on LinkedIn.

Upcoming scholarly opportunities

- The Society of Catholic Social Scientists will have a spring 2016 mini-conference on ‘The Catholic Ethic in the Earthly City’ on April 9, 2016 at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC. Full information will be posted on the SCSS website by February 1, 2016.

- The ProLife World Congress, which was to have been held in November, 2015 in Brazil has been rescheduled for November 11th through the 13th in Guatemala City, Guatemala. More information can be found on the ProLife World Congress web page.


- The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity’s 23rd Annual Summer Conference on Bioethics will be held on June 16-18, 2016. It will be preceded by an Institute on June 13-16 and followed by a Seminar on June 20-22. The location will be Trinity International University, Deerfield, Illinois.

Recent and upcoming research


- Below is a link to a very helpful scotusblog symposium on Whole Woman’s Health v. Cole, the abortion case that will be argued before the US Supreme Court in early March of 2016. This case involves the constitutionality of a Texas abortion law requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges at local hospitals and requiring abortion clinics to meet ambulatory surgical center standards. The contributions by Teresa Collett and Kevin Walsh are particularly worth reading. http://www.scotusblog.com/category/special-features/whole-womans-health-v-cole/

- Last summer Frank Beckwith was challenged by Sara Pulliam Baily to produce of list of serious treatments of abortion from female pro-life scholars. After pointing out that prolif women in academia often need to keep a low profile, he submitted the following list. Many of these authors are
members of UFL or have spoken at UFL conferences.


I think it would be a great idea to add to this list. If you know of other pro-life scholarship from women, send them to provitanews@yahoo.com.

- Videos of the 2015 Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture fall conference entitled “For Freedom Set Free” can be found on Youtube. Among the videos is a panel discuss called “Identity, Choice, and Authentic Women’s Freedom,” that included Richard Doerflinger, Mary Hasson, and Evangeline Koziita.


### Opposing viewpoints


The fundamental problem in our culture and in all cultures is that we tend to evaluate things that are less than human life more highly than human life itself. One of the goals of pro-life scholarship is to help others see the true hierarchy of values.

We can especially do our world a service in our undergraduate teaching, where minds may still be able to be reached and opportunities can be given to see the proper order of things.

It certainly wouldn’t hurt to encourage our colleagues to join University Faculty for Life and to come to the June Conference!

Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out in April of 2016. We need

- Notices of member’s publications, presentations and other activities,
- Calls for papers and notices of upcoming conferences.
- Citations of relevant significant research in any discipline, whether from a pro-life perspective, neutral, or the opposing perspective.
- Useful online and print resources.

You can send them to me any time. I will put them on the blog first, and then put them in ProVita. Any contributions may be forwarded to provitanews@yahoo.com.
26th Annual Conference
UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR LIFE*

THE LEGAL, MEDICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC ISSUES
AT THE END OF LIFE

Plenary Speakers: Tom Cavanaugh, Timothy Ressick, Christopher Wolfe

The Rupert and Timothy Smith Award Recipient & Banquet Speaker
Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J. Ph.D.  Spiritual Care at the End of Life

Special Panel on Brain Death
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Discussants: Jason Eberl, Robert Buchanan, Pat Lee, Christian Brugger

June 10 -11, 2016
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.
Option of reasonably priced on-campus housing for attendees is available if requested before May 9th
For more information click here or see our website at www.uflf.org

Invitation to Attend and Call for Papers

Paper proposals on any prolife topic are welcome but those on assisted suicide and euthanasia are especially so. Proposals should be one page (maximum) and should including the working title of the proposed paper, full contact information and a brief abstract. Email proposals to Professor Barbara Freres at bjfreres@stritch.edu by April 11, 2016.

All papers presented at the conference may be submitted after the conference for possible publication in the organization’s annual, peer-reviewed Life and Learning.

University Faculty for Life is a multi-disciplinary, non-denominational fellowship of scholars pursuing research, dialogue, and publication respectful of human life from inception to natural death. New members are most welcome.
Housing for Life and Learning Conference

Hotels near Marquette University AMU Conference Center Between 14th and 15th and Wisconsin Avenue

Ambassador Hotel
Distance from Marquette: 0.4 mile
2308 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233
414-345-5000
www.ambassadormilwaukee.com

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown
Distance from Marquette: 0.3 mile
611 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203
414-273-2950
www.doubletree3.hilton.com

Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Distance from Marquette: 0.4 mile
509 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203
414-271-7250
http://www3.hilton.com
For more choices see: http://www.marquette.edu/visit/hotels.php

On-Campus Housing at Marquette University
Straz Towers Campus Housing
915 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Facility: Straz Tower
About: http://www.marquette.edu/conference-services/straz.php
Location: http://www.marquette.edu/campus-map/location.php?id=Straz%20Tower

Room Block Dates: June 9, 2016 departing on June 12/13, 2016

Cut-off date for reservations: May 9, 2016. Rooms requested after the cut-off date are subject to availability.

Straz Tower is an 18-story high-rise residence hall featuring the following amenities:

- Private baths with cups, soap and towels
- Air conditioning
- Extra-long twin beds with linens
- Dressers
- Closets with hangers
- Desks with chair
- Alarm clock/radio
- Free wireless Internet access
• In-room micro-fridge units (by reservation only)
• Iron and ironing boards available at front desk
• Computer lab on second floor
• Parking (nightly rate)
• 24-hour desk service
• Security

**Nightly Room Rates**

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**Check in and Check out**
Check in time: After 3 p.m.
Checkout time: Prior to 10 a.m.
These times are based upon Central Standard Time.

**Reservation Procedures:**
Method of reservation is Individual/Direct. Individuals are requested to call 414-288-7206 for reservations. Individuals should let the reservations assistant know they are associated with University Faculty for Life. Guaranteed Reservations All reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card number. MasterCard or Visa are accepted. Failure to check-in as scheduled without canceling the reservation at least 48 hours prior to the date of arrival will result in the guest being charged one night’s room. Failure to check-out at the posted time on the date of departure will also result in a penalty fee. There are no refunds for early departures.
## Resources for research and education

**Life and Learning**  
*The Journal of the University Faculty for Life*  
http://uffl.org/pastproceedings.html

**UFL Blog**  
http://www.uffl.org/blog/

### Member web pages and blogs

Please forward any other member’s web pages to provitanews@yahoo.com.

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<td>Prolife World Congress</td>
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<td>The next Congress is in 2015. The site is in Spanish</td>
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<td>Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court’s Ruling (2d edition, 2012)</td>
<td><a href="http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe">http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe</a></td>
<td>“In this ground-breaking book, Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who covered the Supreme Court for 30 years for The New York Times, and Reva Siegel, a renowned professor at Yale Law School, collect documents illustrating cultural, political, and legal forces that helped shape the Supreme Court’s decision and the meanings it would come to have over time.”</td>
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<td>Complex moral issues made simple</td>
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<td>Global Health and Human Rights Database</td>
<td><a href="http://www.globalhealthrights.org/">http://www.globalhealthrights.org/</a></td>
<td>“The Global Health and Human Rights Database is a free online database of law from around the world relating to health and human rights. Developed by Lawyers Collective and the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University, in collaboration with a worldwide network of civil society partners, the database offers an interactive, searchable, and fully indexed website of case law, national constitutions and international instruments.”</td>
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<td>Mirror of Justice</td>
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Social Science Research Network (SSRN)  |  http://ssrn.com/en/  |  SSRN (the Social Science Research Network). “Our vision was (and still is) to enable scholars to share and distribute their research worldwide, long before their papers work their way through the multi-year journal refereeing and publication process.”


Witherspoon Institute Public Discourse  |  http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/  |  Public Discourse is an online publication of the Witherspoon Institute that seeks to enhance the public understanding of the moral foundations of free societies by making the scholarship of the fellows and affiliated scholars of the Institute available and accessible to a general audience.

World Expert Consortium for Abortion Research and Education  |  http://www.wecareexperts.org/  |  International research collaboration, Scientific information dissemination, Professional education, Consultation, Expert testimony, Program evaluation, Grant writing

### Journals and online publications

| Charlotte Lozier Institute (Susan B. Anthony List)  |  http://www.lozierinstitute.org/  |  The education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List

| Ethika Politika  |  http://ethikapolitika.org/  |  Ethika Politika is a publication of the Center for Morality in Public Life. Its purpose is to put the search for wisdom at the service of good practical decisions, and to engage
contemporary ethical and cultural issues from an elevated yet common sense perspective.

Linacre Quarterly  | http://cathmed.org/issues_resources/linacre_quarterly/  |
Post-Abortion Review  | http://www.theunchoice.com/pblresearch.htm  | “Documents abortion's injustice and harm to women”

**Organizations**

Bioethics defense fund  | http://www.bdfund.org/  | Bioethics Defense Fund (BDF) is a public-interest law firm whose mission is to advocate for the human right to life via litigation, legislation and public education.
                |  | BDF provides legal expertise and public education on the issues of healthcare rights of conscience, abortion and its impact on women, human cloning/destructive human embryo research, and end of life issues including physician-assisted suicide and healthcare rationing.
Catholic Medical Association  | http://cathmed.org/  |
Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity  | http://cbhd.org/  | “The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity explores the nexus of biomedicine, biotechnology, and our common humanity. Within a Judeo-Christian Hippocratic framework, we anticipate, interpret, and engage the pressing bioethical issues of our day. As a center of rigorous
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<td>Founded and headed by UFL member Teresa Collett to defend the sanctity of human life by training law students and lawyers, by assisting government officials in drafting, passing and defending prolife laws, and developing the necessary legal scholarship necessary to create a culture of life.</td>
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<td>Co-founded and headed by UFL member R. Mary Hayden Lemmons to advance the cause of humanity through scholarship and education about the indispensability of woman’s</td>
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research, theological and conceptual analysis, charitable critique, and thoughtful engagement, we bring clarity to the complex issues of our day.”
transformative role in building the civilization of love through collaboration with men.

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