

Endowed Centers, Chairs, Professorships, and Lectureships

Endowed Chairs

The Edward J. and Louise E. Mellen Chair in Finance

The Mellen Chair was established in September 1984, with the commitment of a gift for the university's Boler School of Business as a part of the university's Centennial Campaign. The chair challenges and encourages the faculty of the Boler School to achieve new levels of excellence in teaching, research, and service so that the school remains in the forefront of business education. The service component is oriented towards the establishment and enhancement of academic-business relationships and cooperation.

The Mellen Chair in Finance is held by an individual who has a recognized national reputation in research and teaching, and the demonstrated ability and experience to work effectively with business and professional leaders as well as faculty colleagues. Previous holders of the chair have been Dr. Michael G. Ferri and Dr. Raj Aggarwal. The current chair holder is Dr. LeRoy D. Brooks.

The Tuohy Chair of Interreligious Studies

Mr. Walter Tuohy, vice chairman and chief executive of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was a dedicated Catholic layman, an active member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and a zealous promoter of religious understanding. After his death in 1966, the Walter and Mary Tuohy Chair of Interreligious Studies was established at John Carroll University to honor the late Mr. Tuohy and his wife Mary.

Under the auspices of the Tuohy Chair, the university offers a series of courses and free public lectures on interreligious topics. This program is designed to bring scholars of major religious traditions to the university campus for dialogue with students, faculty, religious leaders, and the general public.

Tuohy Chair lecturers have included the following major figures in theological scholarship: David Tracy, Theodore Stephanopoulos, Thomas Hopko, Demetrios Constantelos, Anglican Bishop R. C. P. Hanson, Michael A. Fahey, S.J., Martin McNamara, M.S.C., William H. C. Freund, Roderick A. F. MacKenzie, S.J., W. Norman Pittenger, Sophie Laws, Robert Eno, S.S., Frederick W. Norris, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, Brian Daley, S.J., Charles S. McCoy, J. T. Lienhard, S.J., Alastair Campbell, Maria Harris, Francis Clooney, S.J., John Haughey, S.J., James Keenan, S.J., Diana L. Hayes, Robin Jensen, John Kelsay, William J. Harmless, S.J., and Sidney H. Griffith, S.T. The chairholder for 2005-06 is Joseph A. Bracken, S.J.

The Edmund F. Miller, S.J., Chair in Classics

The Miller Chair, endowed originally by a \$1.5-million grant from the F. J. O'Neill Charitable Trust, honors the memory of Edmund F. Miller, S.J., who was rector of the John Carroll University Jesuit Community, associate professor of classical languages, and a trustee of the university. The study of the classical tradition and the humanistic values it represents has always occupied a prominent role in Jesuit education. The Miller Chair brings an established Jesuit scholar to campus to further this tradition through teaching and research. Past holders of the chair have been Roland J. Teske, S.J., Robert J. O'Connell, S.J., James N. Loughran, S.J., Arthur R. Madigan, S.J., Gary M. Gurtler, S.J., David H. Gill, S.J., and Gregory I. Carlson, S.J.

The Wasmer Chair in American Values

In 1977, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wasmer, Sr., endowed the Wasmer Chair in American Values. Their interest in the chair is carried on by their sons, Jack '45, and George '58, and their families. The chair supports research and academic activities in the Boler School of Business, particularly research focused on the American free enterprise system and business ethics. The Boler School's Wasmer Fellows are supported through this endowment.

The Don Shula Chair of Philosophy

The study of philosophy is central to Jesuit higher education. John Carroll graduates regularly testify to the shaping influence philosophy has had on their lives. Through lectures, seminars, courses, research, and related activities, the Shula Chair seeks to lead John Carroll students to question, examine, and formulate values, and respond ethically to important issues which will confront them now and in the course of their lives and careers. The current holder of the chair is Dr. Brenda A. Wirkus.

The John J. Kahl, Sr., Chair in Entrepreneurship

The John J. Kahl, Sr., Chair in Entrepreneurship in the Boler School of Business supports a faculty member's teaching and research on the various aspects of entrepreneurship. The holder of the Kahl Chair sponsors public programs for the entrepreneurial community and for those who aspire to become entrepreneurs.

The Kahl Chair was funded in 1998 through a \$1 million gift from 1962 alumnus Jack Kahl, Jr., founder and former CEO of Manco, Inc., currently Henkel Consumer Adhesives. The chair is named for John J. Kahl, Sr., father of Jack Kahl, Jr. A matching gift from the Boler Challenge Fund increased the initial endowment of the Kahl Chair to \$2 million. Dr. Dianne H. B. Welsh was the first holder of the chair. The current chair holder is Dr. John C. Soper.

The Honors Chair in American Values

The Honors Chair in American Values is supported by an anonymous gift of \$500,000 given to endow the university's Honors Program, which offers special courses, seminars, tutorials, and independent study opportunities for students with high academic potential. Income from the endowment supports the operations of the Honors Program, which encourages student initiative and creativity as important educational values.

The Standard Products – Dr. James S. Reid Chair in Management

Endowed by the Reid Family, the Standard Products Company, its foundation, and other friends, this chair provides support to a tenured professor or associate professor in the Department of Management, Marketing, and Logistics in the Boler School of Business. The chair emphasizes quality issues and innovative business practices to prepare students for leadership roles in business. The chair holder's research focuses on these issues to enhance the academic reputation of the Boler School and, as part of the service component of the chair, to assist local firms and organizations seeking to revitalize industry in Northeastern Ohio. Past holders of the chair have been Dr. John Burnham, Dr. Mark D. Treleven, Dr. Marian M. Extejt, Dr. Paul R. Murphy, Jr., and Dr. Charles A. Watts. The current Standard Products-Reid Professor is Dr. J. Benjamin Forbes.

The John G. and Mary Jane Breen Chair in Catholic Studies

This chair is funded out of the endowment created by John G. and Mary Jane Breen for the Institute of Catholic Studies, which was initiated in 1997. It is intended to support the director of the institute for his organizational leadership and vision, teaching of courses related to the concentration in Catholic studies, and ongoing scholarship on the Catholic intellectual legacy. The current holder of the chair is Dr. Paul V. Murphy of the Department of History.