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Catholic Theological Union Announces New Faculty Appointment and Promotions

CHICAGO, Sept. 10, 2021 – As we begin the academic year, Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago announces a series of academic appointments and transitions among its distinguished faculty. “As Interim Academic Dean of the Faculty I am delighted that these faculty members are being recognized for their scholarship, service and teaching,” noted Roger Schroeder, SVD. “Each of these promotions and appointments is highly deserved.”

Steven P. Millies, PhD has been accorded tenure and promoted to Professor of Public Theology. Millies will continue as the Director of the Bernardin Center at CTU, an appointment he has held for the last four years. Before joining CTU in 2017, Millies held the Strom Thurmond Endowed Chair in Political Science at the University of South Carolina Aiken where he taught from 2003-2017. Millies is a member of several learned societies, including the Association for Political Theory, the Catholic Theological Society of America, and the Society of Christian Ethics. As well, he participates in the International Thomas Merton Society, the Eric Voegelin Society, and he is the secretary for the Edmund Burke Society of America. His book, *Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground* (Liturgical Press, 2016), won first place in the biography category for the Catholic Press Association’s 2017 Book Awards, and he has contributed to several periodicals and journals that include *America*, *Commonweal*, the *National Catholic Reporter*, and *U.S. Catholic*. During the fall 2020 semester, he was the Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ Visiting Fellow in Catholic Studies at Loyola University Chicago’s Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage. Millies holds a Master of Arts and a PhD from The Catholic University of America.

Br. Antonio D. Sison, CPPS, a professed Brother of the Society of the Precious Blood, was appointed Vatican Council II Chair in Theology and promoted to Professor of Systematic Theology. Sison’s latest book is *The Art of Indigenous Inculturation: Grace on the Edge of Genius* (Orbis Books, Spring 2021), a cutting-edge exploration of the phenomenon of religious inculturation through the “aesthetics of liberation,” with case studies from Asian, African, and Latin American postcolonial contexts. He is also the author of the books *The Sacred Foodways of Film* (Pickwick, 2016), *World Cinema, Theology and the Human* (Routledge, 2012), *Screening Schillebeeckx: Theology and Third Cinema in Dialogue* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006); and a contributing author to a number of books and journals, as well as more popular media platforms such as the *National Catholic Reporter*. He has given lectures and presentations in various international venues—Kenya, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Mexico, and several other countries in the Global South and in Europe. Sison obtained a PhD in Systematic Theology from the Catholic University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands in 2004.

Kate Oxsen, PhD was appointed Assistant Professor of Old Testament Studies. She holds a Master’s in Theological Studies with a concentration in the Old Testament from the Franciscan School of Theology and

a PhD in Old Testament from Trinity College Dublin. Oksen's research interests include queenship in the Old Testament, the roles and portrayal of women in the Old Testament, and short narrative books.

About Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Theological Union (CTU) is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. Its mission is to prepare effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace. CTU's 4,500 vowed religious women and men and lay graduates are serving in 60 countries worldwide.

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