

*Hope Rising: Building Research, Scholarship,  
and Practice in a Catholic Context*

**Community Engaged Scholar-Practitioner Network (CESPN) Conference**

February 4, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | THE CAPITAL HILTON HOTEL, SOUTH AMERICAN B

In these times, hope can alter the ways we approach our work and the communities with whom we partner. Join service-learning community engagement colleagues from Catholic colleges and universities as we network, share promising practices, and build a research agenda based on the hope Catholic institutions have to offer community engagement scholarship.

Through our continued partnership with Uniservitate, ACCU supports our communities of scholar-practitioners involved in service-learning and community engagement, bringing together a network of colleagues from Catholic colleges and universities, the ACCU Community Engaged Scholar-Practitioner Network (CESPN), as part of our Annual Meeting.

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast Available**

Capital Terrace/Upper Lobby (*Seating available in South American B*)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Recognition of the 2022 Uniservitate Award Winners:

**Christian Brothers University** and **University of St. Thomas (MN)**

Runner-Ups: **Carlow University** and **Creighton University**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Keynote: An Engagement of Hope: Building a Framework and Equity-Centered Theory of Action for Community Engagement**

Drawing from the work of faith-based community organizations, this session presents an exploration into an engagement of hope, responding to the current context of higher education. The presenters will discuss the five themes that scaffold the conceptual framework including challenging unjust structures, the common good, collaborative courage, community-centered, and individual goodness. This opening session will provide attendees an opportunity to explore lines of inquiry and build scholarship and research in the Catholic context.

**Patrick M. Green**, Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching and Scholarship (CELTS), and School of Education,  
**Loyola University Chicago**

**Daniel J. Bergen**, Office of the President, Milwaukee School of Engineering

**Cynthia P. Stewart**, Parkinson School of Health Science and Public Health, **Loyola University Chicago**

<b>10:00 – 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Table Discussions and Reflections on Keynote</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Vatican II’s Gift: Servant Leadership in Catholic Education</b>          One of the many enduring gifts of Vatican II was its impact on service learning and community engagement vocation. This panel will discuss the theology of service and justice brought forward in Vatican II and the urgency it continues to give us to work toward dignity, solidarity, and the common good. It will also explore the professionalization of servant leadership through the field of social work and the call to take action toward a more just society.</p> <p><b>Dawn Apgar</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, <b>Seton Hall University</b>  <b>Anthony Nicotera</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, <b>Seton Hall University</b>  <b>Ines A. Murzaku</b>, Professor, Department of Religion, Director Catholic Studies Program, <b>Seton Hall University</b></p>
<b>12:00 – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Working Lunch</b>          Capital Terrace/Upper Lobby  <i>Sponsored by Stevens &amp; Lee</i></p>
<b>1:30 – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Setting the Catholic Research Agenda</b>  <b>Jay Brandenberger</b>, Associate Director and Director of Assessment and Engaged Scholarship, Center for Social Concerns, <b>University of Notre Dame</b>  <b>Anthony Vinciguerra</b>, Executive Director, Archdiocese of Miami/Port-de-Paix, Haiti, Global Solidarity Partnership; Doctoral Student, <b>Boston College</b></p>
<b>2:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Network Business Meeting</b>          Updates from Uniservitate  <b>Maria Rosa Tapia</b>, Uniservitate</p>
<b>3:30 – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Wrap Up and Next Steps</b>

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