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INVOCATION

Florence M. Gillman, PhD  
Professor of Biblical Studies  
Department of Theology and Religious Studies

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Today we recognize those who have excelled in academic achievement by awarding them special professorships.

The university community is pleased to congratulate these individuals because they represent the core of our mission and the scholarly values we all share.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

University Professors are those who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievements in teaching and research supporting the mission and goals of the university.

STEBER PROFESSORS

Steber Professors are recognized for substantial contributions in the areas of teaching, research and service to the university and are limited, by the intent of the donor, Clarence L. Steber, to faculty members in the School of Business Administration and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

HERZOG ENDOWED SCHOLAR

The Herzog Endowed Scholar award recognizes meritorious teaching or scholarly productivity and provides funds for professional development or for increased time for research or teaching for a one-year period to School of Law faculty.

CLASS OF 1975 ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

The Class of 1975 Endowed Professorship, established by the School of Law's Class of 1975 as its 25-year reunion gift to the law school, recognizes meritorious teaching, leadership and academic accomplishments of a professor in the School of Law.

## UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

### RAE M. ROBERTSON ANDERSON

Rae M. Robertson Anderson, PhD, is professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Biophysics at the University of San Diego. She received her Bachelor of Science in physics from Georgetown University in 2003, where she was awarded a Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship. She received her PhD in physics from University of California, San Diego, in 2007, funded by a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Anderson was then awarded a National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein postdoctoral fellowship for her molecular biology research at The Scripps Research Institute before joining the faculty at USD in 2009.



Anderson has established an internationally recognized research program at USD to elucidate the molecular-level mechanics and transport properties of biopolymer networks and soft matter systems. Her lab develops new optical tweezers micro-rheology and fluorescence microscopy techniques to probe these systems, and engineers novel biopolymer materials to address critical questions in soft matter physics. Anderson is equally passionate about undergraduate research and education. She joined USD with the express intention of engaging undergraduates in cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and shaping the undergraduate physics curriculum at a national level.

Anderson has published 46 peer-reviewed research papers, 26 of which include undergraduate co-authors. She has also received more than \$3.5 million in grants to support her scholarly activities and undergraduate researchers, including prestigious awards such as a Research Corporation Cottrell Scholars Award; an Air Force Young Investigator Program Award; a National

Science Foundation CAREER Award; and a W.M. Keck Foundation Research Grant. Her research students have also received prestigious awards including Goldwater Scholarships, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships, and an American Physical Society LeRoy Apker Award.

At the national level, Anderson serves as a councilor for the National Council on Undergraduate Research, and on advisory boards for Research Corporation, the Beckman Foundation, and the Murdock Charitable Trust. In 2011, Anderson established a research-intensive undergraduate biophysics major program at USD that has served as a model for liberal arts institutions across the country. Anderson has given 26 invited talks on her research and academic accomplishments at institutions and conferences around the world.

## UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

### KRISTEN MAURA McCABE

Kristen Maura McCabe, PhD, received a bachelor's degree in psychology and Spanish from the University of Michigan, and a PhD in clinical psychology from Wayne State University. She completed a pre-doctoral clinical internship at the University of California, San Diego, and a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute of Mental Health Child and Adolescent Services Research Center and Rady Children's Hospital before joining the USD faculty in 2000.

Dr. McCabe's research interests focus on improving treatment access, engagement, and outcomes for children who are part of an ethnic minority, with a particular focus on young Mexican American children between the ages of 2 and 7 who have behavior problems. Her work has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health for 16 years of her career, with her most recent grant supporting the develop-



ment and pilot testing of a method of personalizing behavioral parent training interventions for culturally diverse families.

Her research and her students have benefited from a close partnership with Rady Children's Hospital, where she has conducted clinical research and worked to build sustained capacity for delivering evidence-based

treatments to youth in the San Diego community. Dr. McCabe regularly teaches Behavior Disorders of Childhood, Psychological Assessment, the Applied Experience/ Internship in Psychology series, Methods of Evidence-Based Psychotherapy, and occasionally Psychological Assessment. Her courses include coverage of diversity issues and incorporate opportunities for community service-learning. Dr. McCabe also regularly supervises student researchers through the Honors, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, and McNair Scholars programs.

## UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

### MIRANDA PERRY FLEISCHER

Miranda Perry Fleischer, JD, is a professor of law and co-director of Tax Programs at the University of San Diego School of Law. She teaches and writes in the areas of individual taxation, tax policy, federal estate and gift tax, and tax-exempt organizations. In 2017, Fleischer was named the Herzog Endowed Professor of Law, and in 2014-15 she won the Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching, which is determined by a vote of the students.



*Minnesota Law Review*, and the *Washington University St. Louis Law Review*. She is often quoted on NPR and in the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and the *Nonprofit Times*.

Prior to joining USD in 2013, Fleischer taught at the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Illinois College of Law, and as an acting assistant

professor at NYU Law School, where she served as assistant editor of the *Tax Law Review*. At the University of Colorado, she was awarded the 2011 Provost's Achievement Award, a university-wide award recognizing her scholarly work.

Fleischer has published numerous articles and book chapters. Representative pieces include: *The Architecture of a Basic Income*, 87 U. Chi. L. Rev. 625 (2020); *Atlas Nods: The Libertarian Case for a Basic Income*, 2017 Wisconsin Law Review 1189 (2017); *Not So Fast: The Hidden Difficulties of Taxing Wealth*, Nomos Wealth Volume (The American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy 2017); *Divide and Conquer: Using an Accessions Tax to Combat Dynastic Wealth Transfers*, 57 Boston College Law Review 913 (2016); and *Equality of Opportunity and the Charitable Tax Subsidies*, 91 Boston University Law Review 601 (2011). Other articles have appeared in *NYU's Tax Law Review*, the

Before entering academia, Fleischer practiced as an estate planner at Shaw Pittman LLP and as a litigator at the Institute for Justice, a Washington, D.C.-based public interest group, which piqued her interest in charitable giving. She also clerked for Judge Morris Sheppard Arnold of the Eight Circuit in Little Rock, Ark. Fleischer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University, her JD from the University of Chicago, and an LLM in Taxation from New York University's School of Law.



## UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

### REYES QUEZADA

Reyes L. Quezada, EdD, was born in San Juan De Los Lagos, Jalisco, Mexico, and at the age of 7 immigrated to the United States along with his four brothers, his three sisters, and his mother, Belen Limon Quezada. His father, Jose Timoteo Quezada, participated in the U.S. Bracero program. The family settled in Imperial Valley.



Dr. Quezada earned his MEd in counseling from the University of San Diego and is proud to be an alumnus, along with his son, Raymundo, and daughter, Kristina Belen. His wife, Cynthia, is a retired educator. His doctorate is from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, and he holds three master's degrees from USD, San Diego State University and Point Loma University.

He was a bilingual classroom teacher, outdoor education principal, and a community college counselor. His research is on cultural proficiency, equity, family-school and community engagement, international education, and education of migrant farmworker students and families. He has published five books, 10 book chapters on cultural proficiency, migrant students, recruitment of faculty of color, equity and family engagement, and internationalization

of higher education. He has published more than 30 articles and guest edited five theme journal issues, *Journal of Multicultural Education*, the *Catholic Education Journal*, *Teaching Education*, and *Teacher Education Quarterly*.

Dr. Quezada has been on the USD Faculty Senate for more than 12 years, served as vice chair and has served on various Board of Trustees

committees. He is president-elect to the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education, was on the board of directors for the Council of Educator Preparation Programs, the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education and Chair of its Global Diversity and Multicultural Committee. He is the past chair of the International Council for the Education of Teachers, and current editor for *Teacher Education Quarterly*. He was co-chair of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – Committee on Accreditation, and past board president for Real Journey Academies Charter School-San Bernardino. He received the Latino of the Year Award from the Northside Impact Committee and was recognized by his local assembly member, congressman, and state senator.

## UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

### PENCHENG (PHIL) ZHU

Pengcheng (Phil) Zhu, PhD, is an associate professor of finance in the School of Business. He teaches financial management, international finance, financial reporting and analysis and advanced seminar in corporate finance. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.



His research primarily focuses on corporate mergers and acquisitions, foreign direct investment, top executives and strategy, and emerging financial market. He has published his work in top peer-reviewed journals including *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Strategic Management Journal*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Journal of Operations Management*, *Journal of Management*, as well as other high quality journals such as *Journal of Corporate Finance*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Journal of Financial Research*, *Financial Management*, *Journal of Business Research*, *British Journal of Management*, *Journal of World Business*, *Journal of International Management*, *Corporate Governance*, and *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*. His research is also featured in *Harvard Business Review*, *Wall Street Journal*, *China Economic Times* and *Blue Sky Blog of Columbia Law School*.

Dr. Zhu has received many national and international research awards, including: CFA Institute Asia-Pacific Capital Markets

Research Award; Distinguished Research Paper Award of Academy of Management; Best Paper Award of Administrative Science Association of Canada; Emerald Best Paper Award of China Finance Review International Conference; Outstanding Paper Award of Academy of Economics and Finance; Barclay Global Investor Canada Research Award; and Emerald Second Best Paper Award of India Finance Association.

As a principal contact person of the CFA University Affiliation Program, Dr. Zhu has nominated more than 60 USD students to receive scholarships from the CFA Institute. He has been recognized with the Masters of Science in Finance Professor of Impact Award in 2017 and 2018, the School of Business Steber Fellowship Award in 2015 and a Dual Excellence Award in Research and Teaching in 2014.

He earned his PhD and MBA from Carleton University in Canada and his bachelor's degree in business administration from Shanghai University of International Business and Economics in China. Prior to his career in academia, Dr. Zhu worked as a consultant for a global management consulting firm in Canada.

STEBER PROFESSOR

## AARON SAUL GROSS

Aaron Saul Gross, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and a historian of religions with a specialization in contemporary Jewish thought and ethics and a sub-specialization in contemporary South Asian religion. Dr. Gross puts special value on socially engaged scholarship that provides a space for deep and sustained analysis of contemporary structures of oppression and resistance. He is the past president of the Society for Jewish Ethics, where he helped expand engagement with animal ethics, food ethics, and critical race theory, and helped establish and is active in the leadership of the American Academy of Religion's Animals and Religion Group. Outside the academy, he also founded and serves as CEO of the nonprofit advocacy organization, Farm Forward.



Widely published in religious studies, Gross's 2014 monograph, *The Question of the Animal and Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications* (Columbia University Press), has become a foundational text in the subfield of animals and religion. He brought some of the insights from that book to the big screen while serving as co-writer for the award-winning 2018 documentary,

*Eating Animals*, based on Jonathan Safran Foer's 2009 internationally bestselling book of the same name. His recent work, including his 2020 essay, "Race and the Story of American Judaism: A Critique of Whiteness," marks a deepening engagement with critical race theory and Black and Womanist theology. His most recent book, *Feasting and Fasting: The History and Ethics*

*of Jewish Food* (New York University Press, 2019), models the fruitful cross-pollination possible between the study of food and the study of religion. In addition to his scholarly publications, Gross's critical analyses of the American food system has been featured in numerous popular venues including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Guardian*.

Gross received his PhD from the University of California, Santa Barbara, his Master's of Theological Studies from Harvard University, and his Bachelor of Arts from Grinnell College. At USD, he teaches courses on Jewish traditions, religion and animals, and religion and food. Starting in Fall 2020, Gross is co-leading USD's Food Studies Initiative, with support from a USD Strategic Initiatives Grant.

## STEBER PROFESSOR

### YEN-TING (DANIEL) LIN

Yen-Ting (Daniel) Lin, PhD, is the associate professor of operations and the department chair of Operations, Supply Chain Management and Information Technology Management at the University of San Diego School of Business. He joined USD in 2011 and teaches courses in operations management, prescriptive analytics, supply chain analytics, blockchain in business and international consultancy.



Dr. Lin's research focuses on firms' decision-making under competition in many areas of supply chain management, including corporate social responsibility, ethical sourcing and sustainable product design. He has published 16 journal articles, book chapters and case studies on these topics. His research also led to the development of new courses, including supply chain analytics and blockchain in business.

Dr. Lin is enthusiastic about building a research community. In 2012, he initiated the faculty research seminar series at the School of Business. With the contribution

and support from the School of Business faculty, the seminar series had hosted more than 40 speakers before he stepped down in 2018. He has also co-hosted six visiting PhD students and scholars with other supply chain faculty members since 2015, which led to journal publications and several projects in progress. His research was also recognized by the Junior Faculty Re-

search Award he received from the School of Business in 2012. Lin also contributed to his academic community by hosting a conference at USD. His service to the academic community is recognized by the outstanding review service award by the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) and he is invited to the editorial review board of POMS.

Lin received his PhD in operations management from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his master's in management science and engineering from Stanford University and his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan.

## HERZOG ENDOWED SCHOLAR

### MARY JO WIGGINS

Mary Jo Wiggins, JD, teaches property, remedies, and debtor-creditor law at the School of Law. She joined the faculty in 1990. She received her undergraduate degree from Smith College and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

Professor Wiggins was named a University Professor in 2016, the Class of 1975 Endowed Professor in 2009, and a Herzog Endowed Scholar in 1997. Most recently, she was awarded the Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2020. She has been an elected member of the American Law Institute since 2006. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appointed her to the United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, where she served two consecutive terms.

Professor Wiggins is a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy*. She has written eight chapters for *Collier*. Her current research interests explore tensions between innovative forms of property ownership and theories, doctrines and policies associated with property and contract. She recently published “Access Anxiety,” a paper that considers the intersection of co-living with property and contract law, in Volume 54 of the *Real Property Trust & Estate Law Journal* (2019).



Select other publications include: “Conservative Economics and Optimal Consumer Bankruptcy Policy” (*Theoretical Inquiries in Law*); “Race, Class, and Suburbia: The Modern Black Suburb as a Race-Making Situation,” (*Michigan Journal of Legal Reform*); “Finance and Factionalism: The Uneasy Present (and Future) of Special Interest Committees in Corporate Reorgani-

zation Law” (*San Diego Law Review*); “A Statute of Disbelief? Clashing Ethical Imperatives in Fraudulent Transfer Law” (*South Carolina Law Review*); and “The New Rawlsian Theory of Bankruptcy Ethics” (*Cardozo Law Review*).

During her time at USD, Professor Wiggins served as associate dean for academic affairs from 2006-2011. She was promoted to vice dean (the first academic dean in the university to be so named) in 2011. She served as vice dean until 2016. As associate and then vice dean, she improved the relevancy, vibrancy, and responsiveness of the law school’s academic programs during a time of unprecedented change in legal education. She continues to serve as a trusted and engaged faculty colleague and as a mentor to students and alumni.

Professor Wiggins dedicates this award to the memory of her parents, Drs. Ernest Joshua Newborn and Janice Robinson Newborn.

## CLASS OF 1975 ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

### JEAN TERESA RAMIREZ

Jean Teresa Ramirez, JD, received her undergraduate degree with honors from Princeton University and was awarded the Isidore and Helen Sacks Memorial Prize by her department. She received her law degree from University of California, Los Angeles, and the American Board of Trial Advocates Award.



Following law school, she was a litigation associate with the law firm of Irell and Manella and left the firm to become a deputy public defender with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, providing legal services to indigent criminal defendants.

Professor Ramirez joined the USD law faculty in 1990. Her areas of expertise are trial advocacy, evidence, criminal law, criminal litigation, and juvenile law. Since joining the faculty, Professor Ramirez has served the legal profession as a member of the Editorial Board of *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Psychological Association (1995-2007), and as a member of the Board of Directors of Appellate Defenders and Federal Defenders of San Diego (2002-2014, President 2006-2009) and nonprofit organizations providing legal services to indigent criminal defendants in the state appellate courts and in the federal courts.

Professor Ramirez's sabbatical leaves have also been service-oriented. She spent a sabbatical interning at the Family Protection Unit of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and another as a consultant to the International Legal Foundation (ILF), an international non-governmental organization, in the creation of a criminal defense clinic in the West Bank, a joint project of

ILF and Palestinian law schools. Most recently, Professor Ramirez has been accepted for training as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in the San Diego County dependency system and hopes to spend her next sabbatical advocating for foster children.

During her more than 30 years at the University of San Diego, Professor Ramirez has served on numerous committees to advance the well-being of marginalized communities, especially racial and sexual minorities. She was previously named a Herzog Endowed Scholar (1997-1998), received the Woman of Impact Award (2009) and the Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching (2014).

Professor Ramirez is currently preparing the fourth edition of *Criminal Litigation in Action* (Carolina Academic Press).



