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Position Profile

**Associate McDevitt Chair in Religious Philosophy &
Co-Director of the Manresa Program
September 2018**



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THE INSTITUTION

Sitting on a beautiful 160-acre tree-lined campus and located just 10 minutes from downtown Syracuse, in the heart of the state of New York, lies Le Moyne College, an independent college established by the Jesuits in 1946. Its mission is to provide students with a values-based, comprehensive academic program designed to foster intellectual excellence and preparation for a life of leadership and service. Under dynamic presidential leadership, Le Moyne College is evolving into a nationally acclaimed college of liberal arts and sciences that draws students from across the U.S. and abroad.

Le Moyne is the second youngest of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States and the first to open as a co-ed institution. Le Moyne offers more than 700 courses leading to Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 30 different majors. Le Moyne also provides courses of study leading to a master's in business administration, education, nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant studies, arts administration, information systems, and family nurse practitioner. The College's Center for Continuing Education offers evening degrees and certificate programs and houses the Success for Veteran's Program. The College serves approximately 2,800 undergraduate and 700 graduate students. Le Moyne has a culture that values creativity, innovation, service, and thoughtfulness.

- The Princeton Review ranked Le Moyne among the top 15 percent of colleges in the nation for the fifth consecutive year and included the College in its guide, *The Best 384 Colleges: 2019 Edition*.
- For the 27th consecutive year, *U.S. News and World Report* named Le Moyne one of the top 20 colleges in the Regional Universities North category.

Le Moyne College has enjoyed remarkable success over the past several years. Strengthened by the largest gift in College history – a transformative \$50 million endowment that funds research and academic initiatives in Computer Science, Management/Information Systems, Physics, and Religious Philosophy – as well as a \$7 million gift that launched the Madden School of Business and a \$6.5 million gift to establish the Purcell School of Professional Studies, Le Moyne continues to grow with the largest construction and renovation activity since its founding in 1946. To learn more: www.lemoyne.edu

[Le Moyne College](#) officially began the 2018-19 academic year by welcoming the second largest class in its history (Class of 2022) to campus on Friday, Aug. 24. This class is distinguished by a higher academic profile and more geographic and ethnic diversity than classes in years past.

Both the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Religious Studies at Le Moyne are diverse, and intellectually eclectic communities of faculty and students and each has recently launched exciting new programs and minors. The Philosophy Department has 10 full-time ladder faculty who are active researchers in their respective areas and dedicated to excellence in teaching. In 2017, Philosophy Department spearheaded efforts to win a \$100,000 Humanities Connection grant from the NEH to help support a new disciplinary minor in Ethics, Values, and Professional Life and in 2018, Assistant Professor John Monteleone, in collaboration with colleagues at Syracuse University and Colgate, was awarded a grant from the Humanities Corridor of Central New York to establish an annual Moral Psychology Workshop to be held at Le Moyne. The Religious Studies Department has seven full-time faculty members (six ladder faculty) who are active researchers in their areas and dedicated to excellence in teaching. Under the leadership of Professor Fred Glennon, in 2017 the department introduced a new minor in Faith and Social Justice.

To learn more about the Department of Philosophy: <http://www.lemoyne.edu/Academics/Colleges-Schools-Centers/College-of-Arts-Sciences/Majors-Minors/Philosophy>.

To learn more about the Department of Religious Studies: <http://www.lemoyne.edu/Academics/Colleges-Schools-Centers/College-of-Arts-Sciences/Majors-Minors/Religious-Studies>

Location: Syracuse, NY

About the McDevitt Center:

The McDevitt Center at Le Moyne College is an endowed center supported by a 50-million-dollar gift from the estate of Robert and Kay McDevitt. The Center is intended to position Le Moyne as a leading regional and national sponsor of hi-impact programs and initiatives that advance awareness of the latest research in Computer Science, Physics, Management/Information Systems, and Religious Philosophy.

Each of the Center's programs and initiatives is developed in conjunction with, and led by, a nationally prominent or an especially promising emerging figure who is working at the forefront of one of these disciplinary areas. Each of those invited to lead an initiative through the McDevitt Center are appointed as McDevitt Chair or Associate Chair in the relevant discipline. The position of McDevitt Chair/Associate Chair may be either a tenure-stream appointment or a short-term, visiting appointment (normally not exceeding one academic year) that does not necessarily require full-time residence at Le Moyne College and may be held concurrently with other appointments. To learn more: <http://www.lemoyne.edu/Learn/Colleges-Schools-Centers/McDevitt-Center>.



Previous McDevitt Chairs and Initiatives have included:

- Dr. George V. Coyne, S.J., McDevitt Chair in Physics and former Director of the Vatican Observatory. From 2012-2015, Dr. Coyne led an initiative devoted to *Science and Religion in Modern America*. From 2015 to present, Dr. Coyne is leading an initiative devoted to environmental stewardship and sustainability called *Sustaining Earth: Insights from Science and Religion*.
- Dr. Marcus Rogers, McDevitt Chair in Computer Science and Director of Cyber Forensics and Security Program in the College of Technology at Purdue University and a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Science. In 2014-15, Dr. Rogers led a series of master classes and panel discussions for leaders in business and industry, policy makers, academics, and cybersecurity professionals titled *Central New York Cyber Security Connections: Today's Challenges, Opportunities and Trends*.
- Dr. Carl Landwehr, McDevitt Visiting Professor in Computer Science. From 2014-16, Dr. Landwehr brought the knowledge and experience gained in 23 years at the Naval Defense Laboratory and 12 years with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to Le Moyne to pioneer an interdisciplinary studies course entitled, *Cybersecurity for Future Presidents*.
- Dr. Jennifer A. Glancy, McDevitt Core Professor (2014-17), Professor of Religious Studies, and 2018 Fellow of the American Academy of Learned Societies. From 2014-17, Dr. Glancy led an initiative called *The Future of Being Human* that featured a series of public lectures and an interdisciplinary capstone course.
- Dr. Todd May, McDevitt Chair in Religious Studies and Class of 1941 Memorial Professor at Clemson University. In 2016-17, Dr. May led an initiative called *Vulnerable Life* which featured a series of public lectures and an interdisciplinary faculty seminar exploring forms of human vulnerability and philosophical and spiritual responses to vulnerability.
- Dr. Thomas P. Brockelman, McDevitt Core Professor (2018-21) and Professor of Philosophy. From 2018-2021, Dr. Brockelman will lead an initiative called *Digital Stories* featuring a series of public lectures and an interdisciplinary capstone course exploring how the digital revolution is transforming the human story.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The McDevitt Center and the Departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies seek outstanding applicants for appointment as **Associate McDevitt Chair in Religious Philosophy and Faculty Co-Director of the Manresa Program**. As Associate McDevitt Chair in Religious Philosophy, the successful candidate will hold a faculty appointment within either the Department of Philosophy or the Department of Religious Studies. As Faculty Co-Director of the Manresa Program, the successful candidate will hold an additional administrative appointment within the McDevitt Center. Exceptional candidates at all ranks—Assistant to Full—are encouraged to apply.

The Manresa Program, a central pillar of Le Moyne College's strategic plan *Sempre Avanti*, is an intentionally designed, four-year program that connects vocational discernment and career preparation to Le Moyne's Jesuit, liberal arts education by helping students to integrate their academic and intellectual development with their personal, professional, and spiritual growth. Launched in 2015-16, the program has been supported by two grants (totaling nearly \$60,000) from the Lilly Foundation and the CIC/NetVUE program. The program has been enthusiastically embraced across all College constituencies and has grown rapidly. It currently enrolls nearly 400 students/year and has engaged nearly 50 faculty/staff mentors.

To learn more about the Manresa Program: <https://www.lemoyne.edu/Academics/Career-Preparation/Manresa>

In addition to his/her responsibilities as a faculty member, the Associate McDevitt Chair in Religious Philosophy and Faculty Co-Director of the Manresa Program will work in partnership with the Career Advising Co-Director of the Manresa Program to shape the ongoing development of the Manresa Program. She/he will have special responsibility for integrating the Manresa Program with Core and disciplinary courses and creating programs (e.g., workshops, lecture series', etc.) that provide opportunities for further engagement with the themes of the Manresa Program among students, faculty, and staff.



Primary Faculty Responsibilities:

- Active research and publication agenda;
- 1-2 teaching load in initial year possibly increasing to 2-2 in subsequent years;
- Limited Departmental and College service.

Primary Manresa Program Responsibilities:

- Envision and implement ongoing program development and expansion;
- Serve as faculty champion for the program – developing ways to integrate the program into existing and new academic efforts at the college;
- Support faculty in expanding current course content and creating new courses aligned with the Manresa Program;
- Create and lead professional development opportunities for faculty to deepen their understanding of vocation;
- Coordinate speaker series to bring thought leaders to campus on topics related to vocation, meaningful success, etc.;
- Assist with identifying and applying for outside grants to support the program;
- Regularly serve as a mentor for Manresa Seminars;
- Develop expanded program delivery opportunities, particularly those related to the curriculum;
- Lead recruitment of faculty and staff to serve as program mentors.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in either Philosophy or Religious Studies/Theology;
- Demonstrated scholarly expertise and record of publication in classical and/or contemporary strains of virtue ethics;
- Special interest in questions of character development and/or the nature of meaningful lives;
- Familiarity with Ignatian spirituality, Jesuit higher education, and pedagogical theory;
- Demonstrated strengths in program development or program expansion;
- Exceptional organizational skills.



PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

Confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled; parties who apply by **November 4, 2018** will be given first consideration. Please submit a PDF version of your curriculum vitae and letter of interest upon application. In your letter of interest please address 1) the connection of your scholarly work to classical and/or contemporary strains of virtue ethics or issues of character development, 2) program development experience, and 3) familiarity with Ignatian spirituality and pedagogical theory. All applications and nominations will be held in confidence. To apply <https://theapplicantmanager.com/jobs?pos=su118>

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SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Discover one of the greatest college towns in the northeast! Syracuse has a small city feel with big city amenities. From downtown hot spots in trendy Armory Square to breath-taking hiking trails and art galleries to sporting events, you'll find there is no shortage of things to do in and around Syracuse.

- [US News & World Report](#) ranked Syracuse in the top 50 of "125 Best Places to Live in the USA."
- [NY State Association of Realtors \(NYSAR\)](#) determined Syracuse, NY tied with Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio-Pa. for the nation's most affordable major housing market (2017-2018).
- [Best College Reviews](#) rated Syracuse, NY among "The 50 Best College Towns in America."

The area offers a rich mix of year-round recreational opportunities. In Syracuse you may swim in the emerald waters of Green Lakes State Park, bike along the old Erie Canal, golf at one of many courses, pick apples at Beak & Skiff Orchards, downhill ski at one of the many resorts within a half hour drive or snowshoe through the woodland trails of Highland Forest. And if spectator sports are more your speed, Le Moyne College boasts championship lacrosse, as well as baseball and soccer teams. Syracuse also offers other collegiate sporting opportunities and is home to a professional baseball team, the Chiefs and a hockey team, the Crunch.

For those interested in the arts, Syracuse offers an opera company and regional theater, along with numerous other opportunities to attend performances of comedy, puppetry, and improvisation. Syracuse is also home to multiple museums, including the I.M. Pei-designed Everson Museum of Art. The downtown business district of Syracuse – Armory Square – is also a must-see, featuring unique restaurants, pubs, and boutiques.



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