



ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Invest in high-quality faculty who provide exceptional experiences for students and institutional progress.

A strong relationship with a professor is often the essential ingredient to setting graduates on their path to success. We believe excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies is dependent on faculty who know their students. Augsburg University's average class size is 16 students and our student to faculty ratio is 12:1.

Endowed professorships are important because they empower our university to attract and retain faculty of the highest caliber, which enhances the overall academic and financial resiliency of our institution.

Create a sustainable legacy with an endowed professorship

Gifts to create an endowed professorship begin with a \$1,000,000 investment and include a naming benefit

- Endowed Professorships help recruit and retain talent.
- Consider planning a gift in the future, like an estate gift.
- For an increasingly more powerful endowment, make your commitment now. Early gifts are critical to build momentum in the campaign.

For questions, please contact:

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Endowed Professorships shaping student experiences



BERNHARD M. CHRISTENSEN CHAIR AND PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AND VOCATION

Associate Professor of Religion and Executive Director of the institution's Christensen Center for Vocation, Jeremy Myers has been appointed to serve as the next Bernhard M. Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation. He began this role in July, 2022. Myers, who earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota and his master's and PhD from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, is a distinguished scholar in vocation and congregational ministry.



JOHN N. SCHWARTZ PROFESSOR OF CHORAL LEADERSHIP AND CONDUCTING

Augsburg appointed Kristina Boerger to this endowed professorship, beginning Fall 2018. Named for alumnus John N. Schwartz '67, the professorship is supported by an operational fund that provides for creative choral activities. The choral program combines music reflective of a pluralistic society, superior choral performance standards, and the university's commitment to civic engagement and inclusion.



SUNDQUIST BUSINESS PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT

Business Department Chair Jeanne Boeh was named the Sundquist Endowed Professor of Business Administration, beginning September 2019. The Sundquist Professorship supports Business Administration, Augsburg's largest academic department with the most undergraduate majors on campus. Boeh, a professor of economics, has been teaching at Augsburg since 1990 and often appears in media interviews and on business panels given her talent for bringing complex business concepts to life.



JOEL TORSTENSON ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

Professor of Sociology Timothy Pippert was named the inaugural Joel Torstenson Endowed Professorship beginning in September 2020. The professorship was made possible by the generosity of Mark Johnson '75. The professorship will be rotated among faculty with demonstrated commitments to place-based experiential learning. Pippert joined the Augsburg faculty in 1999.



BATALDEN FACULTY SCHOLAR IN APPLIED ETHICS

Religion Professor, Mary Elise Lowe was named the next Batalden Faculty Scholar in Applied Ethics beginning in the Spring of 2022. She joined Augsburg in 2003 after completing her doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Mary specializes in contemporary Christian views of the human person.



EL-HIBRI CHAIR AND INTERFAITH DIRECTOR

Professor Najeeba Syeed has been appointed as the inaugural El-Hibri endowed chair and executive director of Interfaith at Augsburg, effective on August 1, 2022. For more than two decades, Syeed has been a professor and expert practitioner in the fields of conflict resolution, mediation, and interfaith studies. An award-winning educator, she has taught extensively on interreligious education and published articles on faith and community-based conflict resolution, restorative justice, and interfaith just peacemaking.



THOMAS '72 AND KAREN HOWE PROFESSORSHIP FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Associate Professor and MBA Director, George Dierberger was named the inaugural Thomas '72 and Karen Howe Professorship for Entrepreneurship beginning in January 2023. He has been a full-time faculty member since 2012 and continues to inspire innovative thinking and creative problem solving among students in the classroom and beyond.