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### Catholic Theological Union Announces New Faculty Appointments

CHICAGO, Aug. 24, 2020 – In advance of the upcoming academic year, Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago announces a series of academic appointments and transitions among its distinguished faculty. “As Dean of the Faculty I am delighted that these faculty members are being recognized for their scholarship, their service and their teaching,” noted Richard Benson, C.M. Academic Dean. “Each of these promotions is highly deserved.”

After twenty years as Founding Director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program, Professor **Scott C. Alexander, PhD** has assumed the directorship of the ecumenical Doctor of Ministry program offered in cooperation with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary.

Assistant Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies, **Syed Atif Rizwan, PhD** will succeed Alexander as the Director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program. Rizwan’s expertise lies in the areas of Islamic jurisprudence, social justice, and interreligious dialogue. He will be the first full-time Muslim professor at CTU.

**Rev. Daniel Horan, OFM** was appointed Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality and promoted to Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Spirituality. Horan has a column in the National Catholic Reporter and his most recent book, *Catholicity and Emerging Personhood: A Theological Anthropology* (Orbis Books, 2019), won the 2020 Best Theology Book Award from the Association of Catholic Publishers.

**Sr. Barbara Reid, OP** was named the Carroll Stuhlmüller, CP Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies. Reid is one of the leading scholars in feminist interpretation of the Scriptures. She is General Editor for the *Wisdom Commentary Series*, a 58-volume feminist commentary on the Bible published by Liturgical Press, which won third place for the Best New Religious Book Series in 2020 from the Association of Catholic Publishers.

**C. Vanessa White, DMin** has been accorded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor of Spirituality and Ministry. White is Past Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, an interdisciplinary theological association of Black Catholic theologians and scholars, and in August was appointed the new Associate Director for the ThM Degree Program at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies, where she regularly teaches during their Summer Institute.

### 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 4,000 vowed religious women and men and lay graduates are serving in 60 countries worldwide.

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