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Independent Colleges

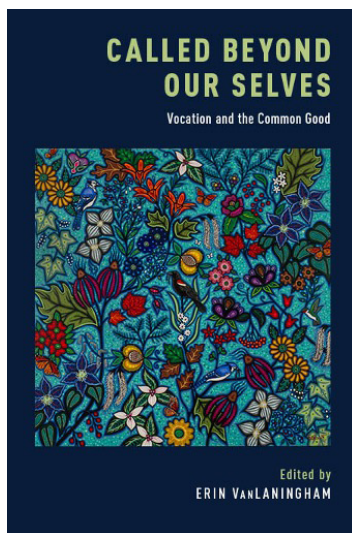
Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education

The purpose of the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) is to increase the capacity of independent colleges and universities to support their undergraduate students as they explore and discern their many callings in life.

The process of vocational reflection is an interdisciplinary endeavor, bringing together theological, philosophical, ethical, historical, and affective approaches, and implementing the theoretical reflections of these fields in vocation-related practices. Campuses are encouraged to support students in this work through a variety of academic departments, pre-professional programs, and campus offices (variously including career services, student success centers, advising programs, offices of religious or spiritual life, and many more). NetVUE is governed by a principle of subsidiarity: individual member institutions are encouraged to shape their work related to vocation and calling—including the vocabularies that

they use to describe this work—in ways that are best suited to their own missions, teaching philosophies, student demographics, and other matters best known to those who lead and guide this work on campus.

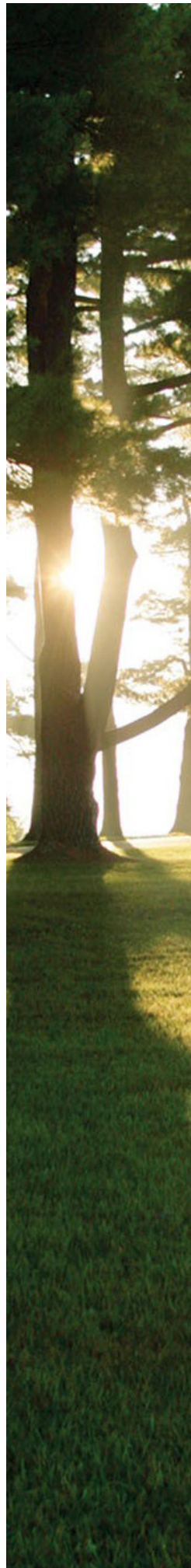
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The latest volume from the NetVUE Scholarly Resources Project will be available from Oxford University Press (global.oup.com) in early 2024.

NetVUE Programs and Services

- A large national conference held every other year (next in spring 2024; details on the following page);
- Regional gatherings and multi-campus collaborations on specific topics, conducted primarily in non-conference years (2023–2024 schedule on the following page);
- Grants to member institutions to support further development of vocational exploration programming for students and professional development opportunities for staff and faculty members;
- An annual faculty development seminar, Teaching Vocational Exploration, for which faculty members may be nominated;
- Consulting and campus visit services to strengthen or develop programs at member institutions;
- Development of scholarly resources for vocational exploration, including four books published by Oxford University Press—most recently *Called Beyond Our Selves: Vocation and the Common Good* (available in early 2024);
- An online community for the exchange of resources and ideas among member institutions;
- A wide variety of virtual events and resources, including webinars, podcasts, and online discussion groups; and
- A small NetVUE staff, based at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to support the network.



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The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) currently has 300 member colleges and universities (as of September 2023).

The 2024 NetVUE Conference *Vocation for the Life of the World*

March 21–23
Hilton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia



Meghan Sullivan, Rev. John A. O'Brien Collegiate Chair and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, will offer the keynote address on “Called to Understand and Advocate for the Common Good.”



Darby K. Ray, Donald W. and Ann M. Harward Professor of Civic Engagement and Director of the Harward Center for Community Partnerships at Bates College, will conduct a roundtable plenary session on “Hunger, Hubris, and

Community Engaged Learning: Strategies for Slowing Down, Going Deeper, and Doing Better.”



Walter Earl Fluker, Dean’s Professor of Spirituality, Ethics, and Leadership, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will provide the closing plenary address, “Called to Ethical Leadership at Intersections Where Worlds Collide.”

NetVUE Regional Gatherings

- **Vocational Exploration in the Classroom**
September 28–29, 2023
Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA
- **Vocation and/as the Work of Our Hands**
A pre-conference gathering at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting
November 16–17, 2023
Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio, TX

2023 NetVUE Grant Opportunities

- Grants for Fostering Leadership for Communities of Faith provide \$25,000 to \$40,000 over a two-year period. Proposals are due December 15, 2023.
- Vocation across the Academy Grants provide up to \$105,000 in CIC and third-party funds to be used over a three-year period. Proposals will be due in April 5, 2024.
- Professional Development Awards are one-year grants of up to \$12,000 (or \$15,000 for certain special initiatives). Proposals will be due April 12, 2024.
- Grants for Reframing the Institutional Saga are two-years grants of up to \$40,000. Proposals will be due in late summer 2024.
- Program Development Grants offer \$40,000 to \$60,000 to be used over two years; proposals are due in the fall each year.

NOT YET A MEMBER OF NetVUE?

CIC welcomes the participation of independent colleges and universities in NetVUE. Membership information, an application to join NetVUE, and details on all programs and services, are available at www.cic.edu/NetVUE. For more information, please contact David S. Cunningham, Executive Director of NetVUE, at dcunningham@cic.edu or (616) 632-1060.