

CENTER FOR FAITH AND JUSTICE BOARD OF ADVISORS



Antronette Black (2016)

During Antronette's time at Xavier, the CFJ played a substantial role in the woman she has and is becoming. The CFJ transformed Antronette's life in many ways. As a member of the 2014 Summer Service Interns, she worked at the U.S. Bank Boys and Girls Club. There she worked as an educational assistant and her experience at the club and in the internship; led her to change her career path from law to nonprofit work! Antronette has also traveled to Ferguson Missouri, with the Dorothy Day Immersion trip during her senior year. This experience helped to expand her perspective on the interconnectedness between religion and social justice. Currently, Antronette serves as a program director for Future Leaders Over-The-Rhine, a nonprofit organization, in downtown Cincinnati. At Future Leaders she works with youth in grades 7-12th preparing them for college readiness, while educating them on professional and character development, and financial literacy.



Elizabeth Coyle (2005)

Elizabeth has put her Jesuit education and theology degree to use in the past ten years. She has worked as an educator, teaching social justice at the high school level. She has worked with the homeless for many years, most recently as a resident volunteer at Lydia's House, a Catholic Worker house of hospitality in Cincinnati. She has also served as a campus minister, working for three years at the University of San Diego. There, she led retreats, facilitated immersions to El Salvador and Tijuana, and provided regular spiritual direction and support to students.

Elizabeth is excited to serve on the CFJ Advisory Board because her years at the Dorothy Day House and in campus ministry were among the most formative of her life. She understands her vocation as bridge-building between young people of privilege and those on the margins of society, and she is grateful for the ways the Center for Faith and Justice does this work each day.



Steve Fisk (2002)

Since his time at Xavier, Steve has stayed in Cincinnati, and found himself changing career paths a few times – starting out in the educational fundraising industry, and then into the non-profit world of the YMCA, and finally settling into Information Technology. Today, he is an account manager for SmartIT, an IT consulting firm specializing in workforce solutions. He is passionate about enabling people to do God's work. In addition to supporting the CFJ at Xavier, he and his wife support various organizations that are making real change in our community, including the Ronald McDonald House, Crossroads Church, and the Freestore Foodbank.

He is proud to support the CFJ, and to join the Board, because he knows there are a lot of young men and women at Xavier who are like him – people who are passionate about others, but don't know how to balance the desire to make a difference with their chosen career fields. He would like to help them make that path. He lives in the neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge (home of the PRC Gravy Cheese Fries), with his awesome wife, Jaime, and their beautiful daughter, Katelynn.



Megan Halverson (1997)

Megan Halverson is a Xavier grad, an idealist, a mother, a wife, and a friend. She is a person full of hope and faith, a sister, a daughter, and a servant. All of these pieces have guided her through her journey—from graduating from Xavier in 1997 with a B.S. in Psychology, to a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Helena, Montana; from her journey of marriage with Damon (fifteen years and counting), to her seven years of leading retreats and fostering faith-sharing communities as a Campus Minister at Xavier; from her life as a mom to Eli (11), Josie (8), and Gwen (4), to her volunteer work in her community, church and school.

And all of this has led her here, ready to add one more piece, ready to serve as a member of the CFJ Board of Advisors. Funny how, every once in a while, life comes full circle, taking you back to a place where a part of your story began.



Betsy Hoover (2006)

At Xavier, Betsy Hoover was involved in multiple retreat and service programs through Campus Ministry and the Dorothy Day House. She was also a pioneer at Xavier as one of the first students to major in Philosophy, Politics, and the Public (PPP), a program that has subsequently risen to national acclaim. She graduated in 2006. Betsy is now a Founding Partner with 270 Strategies, leading the firm's digital strategy practice. She helped launch the company after serving as director of digital organizing for the 2012 Obama for America campaign, where she was responsible for bridging the gap between online and offline organizing.

At 270, she focuses on women's economic and health issues, technology for engagement, voter empowerment, and electoral campaigns. She's passionate about building communities online around issues people care about. Betsy is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and currently lives in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood with her husband, Jeremy Bird. Betsy serves as the first chair of the CFJ Board of Advisors.



Krista Kutz (2009)

During undergraduate years at Xavier University, Krista Kutz invested her time in a range of campus ministry and social justice activities, and graduated in 2009 with her BA in Theology. Krista then enrolled in Divinity School at The University of Chicago, having completed her MDiv in 2013. For four years, Krista worked at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago's West Loop, first as a ministry intern and then as the full-time Director of Liturgy. She now works in development for The Night Ministry, a nonprofit that serves people experiencing homelessness, with specialized services for LGBT homeless youth and pregnant/parenting homeless young women. Krista is focused on advancing organizations that make a positive impact in the community. She and her husband, fellow Xavier grad Craig Scanlon, live in Chicago.



Aaron Marble (2010 and 2011)

Since leaving Xavier, Aaron has made Cincinnati home. He works at Macy's Inc. as a Human Resources professional. Aaron is an ordained minister and serves as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor at the Inspirational Baptist Church. Currently, he is pursuing a Masters of Divinity from Cincinnati Christian University and has the honor of serving on Mayor John Cranley's inaugural Young Minister's Kitchen Cabinet.

Aaron says that his experience at Xavier has proven to be one of the most impactful and formative of his life. The opportunity to assist in building a culture that will impact students is an invaluable opportunity. Also, his service on the CFJ Board provides a unique opportunity for him to remain near the issues of social justice. Furthermore, dialoguing with and learning from such an outstanding group of individuals who are passionate about the intersection of faith and justice was an opportunity he could not pass up.



Matt Pellerite (2003)

After Xavier, Matt spent a year as an AmeriCorps volunteer with City Year Cleveland. This experience built on his time at Xavier where he learned about and lived in community. At XU, he learned how people's lives are fundamentally changed in positive and negative ways by their own health. He went on to study medicine and public health at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. After medical school he moved on to the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital for a residency in pediatric medicine. Matt stayed on at U of C for a year as chief resident and is currently completing a fellowship in newborn intensive care.

He spends most days in a blur of bedtime routines, books, dirty diapers and games of hide and seek. He and his incredible wife, Julie, seek to balance professional and family responsibilities with their two children Elizabeth (3) and Patrick (1).



Colleen Reynolds (2015)

While at Xavier, Colleen didn't waste a second when it came to getting involved. Through the CFJ, Colleen was part of Alternative Breaks; Contemplatives In Action; the GetAway, Approach, and Encounter Retreats; traveled to D.C. for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, and is a proud alum of the Summer Service Internship, where she spent her summer falling in love with Cincinnati through leading inner-city immersion experiences with the the Ozanam Center for Service Learning at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The CFJ taught her to ask tough questions and helped her grow her understanding of what servant leadership looks like given the complexities of today's social and political climate.

Colleen was a Philosophy, Politics, and the Public major, with a double major in Theology, and minors in Peace Studies and History. She currently works as the Director of Community Affairs for Cincinnati City Council Member PG Sittenfeld, and serves on the Board of Trustees for her neighborhood's community council. Her heart belongs to community organizing, and she can often be found volunteering for local, statewide, and national political campaigns. She is also heavily involved with two local non-profits: Women Helping Women, the agency that provides crisis intervention and support services for women and men who are survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking, and Talbert House, a network of services focusing on prevention, assessment, treatment, and reintegration for some of the most vulnerable in the community.



Ben Rumbaugh (2013)

The education Ben received at the Dorothy Day CFJ imparted upon him the conviction of God's love and justice for this time and place, which he is currently seeking. Most notably, he participated in the Summer Service Internship, immersing himself in concepts of justice and voluntary simplicity, while working with the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. After serving as a Jesuit Volunteer in Ashland, Montana, he enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as well as the Master of Science in Public Policy program at Carnegie Mellon University. He plans to graduate from both in 2017.

Ben is ecstatic and humbled to be working with CFJ again as its programming gave purpose in his journey. He enjoys cooking, riding his bike, and libraries.