

# MUAA Speaker Biographies

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**Margaret Faut Callahan**, C.R.N.A., Ph.D., F.A.A.N., is dean and professor in the Marquette University College of Nursing and interim provost. She joined Marquette in 2008 after serving as both professor and chair of adult health nursing and program director for the nurse anesthesia program at the Rush University College of Nursing.

Since arriving at Marquette, Callahan has led the College of Nursing through a successful reaccreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, completed an aggressive strategic planning process that led to a comprehensive revision of the pre-licensure curriculum, expanded the college's freshmen class size by 25 percent and implemented the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Callahan's commitment to developing the scientific foundations of nursing practice has resulted in an increase of 100 percent in scholarly publications by faculty members, as well as the College of Nursing's graduate programs earning rankings in the top 10 percent in the country. Under Callahan's leadership, the College of Nursing has become the most competitive undergraduate college for admission on Marquette's campus and graduates nurses with a 92 percent pass rate on the NCLEX — the R.N. licensure examination. Callahan was also instrumental in the College of Nursing's recent fundraising campaign to build the new \$4 million, 10,000-square-foot Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Center for Clinical Simulation at Marquette University.

In 2013, Callahan received the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Woman of Influence Award for her leadership and mentoring inside and outside the classroom. Callahan is published extensively in the areas of pain management, palliative/end-of-life care and health policy.

**Joseph Green**, Ph.D. is the director of the nationally recognized Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Marquette University. As the EOP lead administrator, Dr. Green manages and supervises a staff of 153, including 28 full-time and 125 part-time professional staff members comprised of university faculty, administrators and graduate students.

Prior to his arrival at Marquette in 2010 he was director of four different Federal TRiO programs over the past 20 years. Additionally, Dr. Green has presented workshops and seminars on topics such as overcoming challenges to diversity in the Academy—key factors that promote successful inclusive academic experiences and best practices for higher education access.

Dr. Green previously taught at North Carolina Central University, Durham NC., Norfolk State University, Norfolk Va., and Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. His experience includes working in the divisions of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Athletics. He began his career as a social studies teacher, liaison for at-risk students and dean of students at the (secondary) high school level in states of Delaware and Florida. Green holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Administration from Howard University.

Dr. Green is a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, he and his wife Kimberly and family live in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

**Charles "Charlie" Haas** is a licensed architect and project manager with Marquette University's Department of Facilities Services. He leads and manages internal and external teams through the planning, budgeting, designing, and construction activities of life enhancing environments in and around campus. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, the Urban Land Institute, and the commercial real estate development group (NAIOP). Before joining the Marquette team in 2011, Charlie was an architect and associate with Kahler Slater, a Milwaukee based design firm, where he successfully lead several healthcare design projects.

He received his Masters of Architecture degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and received his Masters of Business Administration from Marquette University. He graduated from Villanova University, with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 2001. Charlie is actively involved in the Milwaukee community. He serves on the board of directors for WBCS, Inc, a nonprofit organization that raises money for breast and prostate cancer research. He also co-founded the Hope Springs Eternal: WBCS Racing for Research run walk, which has raised over 70,000 for WBCS since its inception in 2012.

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**William “Bill” O’Brien** is a research analyst and knowledge officer in University Advancement, where he has worked since 1991. Prior to that, he worked as a member of the Memorial Library staff. A book lover, genealogist, and tour guide for historical groups, he has given lead our Alumni Reunion Weekend tours for twenty years. An Army veteran and graduate of North Illinois and UW-Milwaukee, Bill has lectured in the UW Extension and our colleges of Arts and Sciences and Communication. He has a Marquette household, with an alumna wife who is a university retiree, and two children from recent graduating classes, both of whom have reverse-migrated to live and work in his native Cook County.

**Michael K. VanDerhoef**, Jour '84, is the vice president for University Advancement at Marquette University. He is responsible for leading the university's engagement and fundraising efforts directed at Marquette's 110,000 alumni nationwide, as well as parents, friends of the university, community partners, corporations and foundations. Under Michael's leadership, University Advancement exceeded its \$50.4 million fundraising goal for fiscal year 2014 by nearly \$10 million, raising a total of \$60.7 million. The amount raised is nearly 30-percent higher than the fiscal year 2013 total of \$47 million and \$10 million more than was raised in 2012.

Before joining Marquette, VanDerhoef served as president for the Virginia Mason Foundation, the fundraising arm of Virginia Mason Health System in Seattle. He also served as vice president of Virginia Mason Medical Center. During his 11 years at Virginia Mason he was responsible for the development and implementation of annual and capital fundraising campaigns, including a comprehensive campaign that raised more than \$100 million for the health system. He was also responsible for customer service strategy and management of the center's skilled nursing inpatient facility and outpatient program for individuals living with HIV and AIDS.

VanDerhoef received a bachelor's degree in journalism and advertising from Marquette University in 1984, and a MBA from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 1993. He is married to Patricia Bland VanDerhoef who is also a Marquette University alum, graduating from the Dental Hygiene program in 1983.

**Amber Wichowsky**, is an assistant professor in the department of political science at Marquette University. Her teaching and research specializations include electoral behavior, public policy, urban politics, and research methods. Her dissertation, *The Competition Cure? The Consequences of Competitive Elections*, examined whether efforts to make congressional elections more competitive are warranted, and was awarded the Carl Albert Award for best dissertation in legislative studies by the American Political Science Association in 2011. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was a Postdoctoral Associate at Yale University's Center for the Study of American Politics. She previously worked on community and economic development policy and performance management initiatives at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Dr. Wichowsky's publications include articles on voter turnout, campaign finance reform, legislative representation, presidential primaries, and an award-winning article on the civic implications of public policy evaluation. Her research has been funded by the American Political Science Association, the Dirksen Congressional Center, and the National Science Foundation. Her ongoing projects look at the effects of foreclosure on voting participation, the political implications of childhood inequality, and how residential segregation conditions local civic engagement. She is also an occasional source for media coverage of electoral politics, including CNN, NPR, Fox News and several local news outlets, and is a contributor to the Marquette Law School Poll. Additionally, she is a research affiliate with Laboratories of Democracy and is director of the Marquette Democracy Lab.