Linda Martin, Ph.D.

Committed to exploring and implementing diverse and creative teaching methods that encourage collaboration and that underscore her conviction that knowledge is most complete when it is shared and builds upon the work of others, Dr. Linda Martin is the perfect complement to the Ursuline College philosophy. She made the decision to teach here because it is a liberal arts institution as much as it is a faith-based institution. “Ursuline College is, I believe, a place where words like “collaboration,” phrases like “student-centered,” and the connections between academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral and social responsibility are not just buzz words but rather are commitments that are integrated into the college’s mission and philosophy, and embodied throughout the college’s curriculum.”

A professor in the Graduate Ministry program, Linda specializes in Christian Theology, American Religion and Culture, Anthropology and Sociology of Religion, and Women in Christianity. She currently advises all students in the Graduate Ministry program.

One of the Linda’s most memorable experiences at Ursuline was being awarded the Teaching Excellence Award last year. Other momentous occasions include teaching the Master’s Thesis seminar. “Not just once, but each year, I am continually delighted to see the depth of knowledge demonstrated by students in the Ministry program, as well as witness the genuine transformation they experience during their time at Ursuline.”

The impression she hopes to leave on her students is a desire for life-long learning. “I hope what they learn about God, the Church, the world, and themselves while here instills in them a passion for justice, energizes them in their particular ministries, and brings them into a deeper relationship with God.”

FAVORITES:
Song/music genre: Classical
Color: Blue
Vacation Spot: Sanibel Island
Holiday: Easter (Holy Week)
Season: Spring
Food: Pasta
Book: The Poisonwood Bible
TV Show or Movie: The Vicar of Dibley (series)
Pet or Animal: Cats
Sports Team(s): Cleveland Indians (seriously)!
Historical Figure: Eleanor Roosevelt
Quote: “To regard any animal as lesser than we are, not equal to our own vitality and adaptation as a species, is to begin a deadly descent into the dark abyss of arrogance where cruelty is nurtured in the corners of certitude. Daily acts of destruction and brutality are committed because we fail to see the dignity of Other.” (Terry Tempest Williams)