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Frances serves the Office of the President at St. Louis University and teaches courses for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. She has been a tenured professor and Department Chair in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, and a professor and Special Assistant to the President at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York. Her areas of teaching and research interest are deviance and law. Her academic career spans thirty-five years. She has published numerous articles and one book on the relationship between attitudes and behavior with Fred Pestello and Irwin Deutscher, *Sentiments and Acts*. She has served on community boards and committees for United Way of Montgomery County, Ohio, Vera House in Syracuse, New York, and the Library Associates in St. Louis.

Frances has a Ph.D. in Sociology from a joint program between the University of Akron and Kent State University in Ohio, a Masters in Sociology from the University of Akron, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. She is also a graduate of the Leadership UD program, class of 2008, at the University of Dayton.

Frances lives in the Central West End in St. Louis, with her spouse, Fred. She has two grown children, Vitina and Ferdinando. She moved to St. Louis in 2014, when her spouse assumed the presidency of Saint Louis University. She enjoys cooking, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Frances grew up in suburban Philadelphia. Her undergraduate independent study was a study of prejudice reduction. It won a student paper competition for the North Central Sociological Society and was published in the society's journal, *Sociological Focus*. She is married to a second generation Italian-American. She enjoys international travel and has traveled to China, Spain, England, and Italy. She taught for International Programs at the University of Dayton, three times in Florence, Italy and once in London. As Department Chair at the University of Dayton, she oversaw the sociology/social work piece of a program delivering University of Dayton degrees in India to those seeking to be Marianist brothers. As a sociologist, she appreciates the importance of diversity for society and the foundation of American society in immigration and welcoming people from other parts of the world.