

## 2016 REINHOLD NIEBUHR AWARD

With the Reinhold Niebuhr Award, the University honors a faculty member or administrator whose body of academic work and life promote or exemplify social justice. The 2016 winner is a leading authority on urban policy and education reform who is a veteran advocate for measures that increase access to high-performing schools and other opportunities for low-income students. A fellow of the University's Institute for Educational Initiatives and the coordinator of policy for the institute's Alliance for Catholic Education, she has consulted regularly with Church and community leaders as well as public officials across the country on how best to strengthen and preserve America's Catholic schools. Her numerous scholarly works include the 2009 book *Ordering the City: Land Use, Policing, and the Restoration of Urban America* and, in 2014, *Lost Classroom, Lost Community: Catholic Schools' Importance in Urban America*. Co-authored with one of her colleagues in the Notre Dame Law School, the latter book is a major research project that examines closely the effects of Catholic school closures on urban neighborhoods and documents the crucial contributions these institutions make to social capital and community well-being.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2016 Reinhold Niebuhr Award to

**Nicole Stelle Garnett**

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Policy Coordinator, Alliance for Catholic Education*