

Biography for Provost Jonathan J. Sanford, Ph.D.

Jonathan J. Sanford, Ph.D., is provost and a professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas. As provost, Sanford has principal responsibility for all aspects of academics, campus ministry, student life and athletics at the university. He graduated summa cum laude from Xavier University in classical languages and philosophy in 1997, received his doctorate from the University of Buffalo, State University of New York in 2001, and received a postdoctoral fellowship from Fordham University in 2001-2002. Sanford served at Franciscan University of Steubenville for 13 years before joining the University of Dallas in 2015. In his administrative work at Franciscan University, he held the positions of associate vice president for academic affairs and chair of philosophy, and also served in the role of the principal elected faculty representative. At the University of Dallas, he first served as dean of the Constantin College of Liberal Arts. He has published widely on philosophical figures and topics, and is especially interested in foundational questions in moral philosophy, as evidenced in *Before Virtue: Assessing Contemporary Virtue Ethics* (The Catholic University of America Press, 2015 (paperback, 2019)). He is currently writing a book on virtue and education. He has lectured widely to both scholarly and popular audiences on a variety of topics. You can hear him on the third Monday of each month when he hosts the “Good News at UD” portion of the Good News Show on KATH 910. Sanford is a trustee of the Hildebrand Project, an executive committee member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, a member of Legatus, a fellow of the Dallas Institute for Humanities and Culture, and a member of several other learned societies. He and his wife, Rebecca, live with their children in Irving, Texas.